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Jobless total at its lowest for five years

Prospects for employment 'are best for decade'

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Britain's strongly growing economy is creating jobs at a rapid rate and pushing down unemployment sharply, figures published yesterday by the Department of Employment showed.

But there are growing worries in the financial markets that higher interest rates and a downturn in the US could affect the British economy.

The FTSE-100 index fell by 21 points to 2,301.9, making a two-day fall of nearly 50 points.

Interest rates moved higher in the US with the announcement last night by Chemical Bank of an increase in its prime lending rate from 9.25 to 9.75 per cent.

Prime rates were last raised, from 8.75 to 9.25 per cent, only last week. There is strong pressure on the US Federal Reserve Board to raise its official discount rate.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, said prospects for Britain's jobless were better than for more than a decade.

He was speaking after the publication of seasonally adjusted figures showing a drop of 53,800 in adult unemployment last month.

The unemployment total, of 2,775,300, was the lowest since December 1982. It has now fallen for 15 months in succession making total drop of 437,200, the largest sustained fall on record.

Recent important job announcements include: Peugeot-Talbot in Coventry, where there will be more than 1,000 new car assembly jobs; and Ford Motor Co, Dundee, where there are 500 new jobs.

Health Care International, Clydebank, near Glasgow, is offering a private hospital development with potential for 4,000 jobs; and thehotel and catering industry is seeking candidates for 40,000 new jobs.

The unemployment rate, of 10 per cent, was the lowest since July 1982, and Department of Employment officials said the downward trend in unemployment is running at over 40,000 a month.

Separate figures showed that days lost due to strikes in August were 30,000, the lowest for any month since 1948.

Productivity in manufacturing industry in August was 7.2 per cent up on a year earlier, restricting the 12-month increase in unit wage and salary costs to 0.8 per cent.

The unadjusted jobless total rose by 4,393 to 2,870,195, but this was the smallest September rise since 1981, and a much smaller increase than is normal at this time of year.

The strong fall in unemployment in recent months has come about largely as a result of very rapid growth in the economy, the best since 1973. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, expects 4 per cent growth in the economy this year, slowing to 3 per cent next year.

Even so, he expects unemployment to continue to head downwards, barring a recession for the world economy.

There were 134,000 new jobs created in the second quarter, new Department of Employment figures showed.

Since March 1983, 1.36 million jobs have been created, 359,000 for men and just over a million for women. Of these new jobs, 778,000 were part-time; less than 16 hours a week.

Manufacturing output is rising by more than 5 per cent a year and Treasury figures, published earlier this week, suggest that unemployment in Britain is now below the European Community average.

Mr Fowler gave particular emphasis to the fall in youth unemployment. "There are fewer unemployed school leavers this September than at any time since 1974", he said.

There were 92,406 unemployed school leavers last month, 48,325 fewer than September last year. However, there has been a big increase in the number of young people on the Youth Training Scheme over the period. At the end of August there were 398,600 YTS trainees, 68,600 more than a year earlier.

Mr Michael Meacher, Labour's Employment spokesman, said the numbers of school leavers on the unemployment register would double overnight but for government schemes which were not leading to jobs.

But a survey carried out for the Department of Employment and published last week showed that more than 90 per cent of YTS trainees find jobs after completing training.

The nervousness in the financial markets over the past two days has emanated from the United States. On Wednesday, the announcement of a $15.billion US trade deficit for August sent the Dow Jones Industrial Average crashing by a record 95 points.

There are fears of a sharp upward move in American interest rates, to combat both US inflation and the weakness of the dollar. Money market rates in London rose on worldwide interest rates worries and gilts fell by £1

Herr Karl Otto Poehl, the president of the West German Bundesbank, said that Germany would have no option but to follow worldwide interest rates upwards.

The dollar again fell yesterday, dropping 1.5 pfennigs to DM1.7995, below the key DM1.80 level. The pound rose by a cent to $1.6640, and the sterling index rose by 0.2 points to 73.5.

On Wall Street, conditions were nervous, after the record 95 point fall in the Dow Jones Industrial Average on Wednesday. In mid-afternoon trading, the index was down by 15.83 points at 2,396.87.

Guinness: Seelig charged

Mr Roger Seelig, the star City corporate finance adviser, was arrested yesterday and charged with 12 offences, including the theft of £2.95 million from Guinness.

Mr Seelig is the fifth person to be arrested and charged in the Fraud Squad investigation into Guinness, and the third in the last week.

Mr Seelig, aged 41, and widely regarded as one of the most successful company advisers in the City in recent years, went to Holborn police station in the City at 10am yesterday by arrangement. He was accompanied by his solicitor, Mr David Freeman.

He was arrested by Det Supt Richard Botwright, who is leading the 16-man Fraud Squad team. After spending the day being interviewed by members of the team he was charged with the 12 offences.

He was remanded into the custody of his solicitor and is due to appear at Bow Street magistrates court today.

All the charges relate to Mr Seelig's role in the multi-million pound share price support operation

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Brewers' fall

Boddingtons, the Manchester brewers, beat off a £226 million takeover bid by Midsummer, the leisure group, then saw its shares slump

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Mr Kevin Weaver yesterday after being remanded on two murder charges

Hurd moves to impose stiff shotgun penalties

By Sheila Gunn and Peter Evans

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, tabled an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill yesterday to impose stiffer sentences for the possession of a shotgun without a certificate.

The amendment, which was promised by Mr Hurd in the wake of the Hungerford massacre, means that uncertified possession can lead to three years' imprisonment and a fine.

At present the offence can be dealt with only by magistrates and so the maximum penalty is six months in prison and a £2,000 fine. By allowing such cases to be tried at crown court, Mr Hurd has opened the way for the stiffer penalties.

Mr Hurd, earlier addressing a press conference in Brixton, south London, promised swift action to tighten gun controls after the killing of four people in Bristol on Wednesday.

He said he hoped to announce his package before the end of next month. He does not see any reason why there should be a "substantial delay" between that and introducing a Bill.

The Government was thinking in terms of a separate Firearms Bill, rather than an addition to the Criminal Justice Bill.

How quickly it became law would depend on Parliament but he hoped its passage would be fast.

The proposed firearms amnesty must coincide with the new restrictions, he said during a visit to the Brixton police station and local community projects.

Mr Hurd said he had read a statement by Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, and had spoken with him earlier.

Mr Hattersley said it was "an appalling prospect" that under Mr Hurd's timetable it might be 12 months before the new laws were enforced.

But Mr Hurd said: "Given the co-operation of the opposition, which sounds as if it will be forthcoming, I see no reason why legislation should take anything like the time he mentioned."

Wednesday's shooting was a desperate tragedy, Mr Hurd said. He thought it perfectly natural that after tragedies such as Hungerford and Bristol the resultant public concern should be pressure to get on with it. "We are getting on with it."

Mrs Ann Taylor, Labour spokesman on home affairs, predicted that if "the gun lobby" was allowed to dominate gun control, Britain will soon suffer the American pattern of crime.

Man is accused of 2 Bristol murders

An unemployed man aged 24 appeared in court yesterday charged with two shotgun murders in Bristol, Avon, on Wednesday.

Kevin Weaver, of Roseberry Park, in the suburb of Redfield, Bristol, was charged with murdering Mr David Pursall, aged 29, a computer manager and former policeman, and Mr John Peterson, aged 48, an accountant, who were both killed in the computer room of the Alexandra Workwear clothing factory in Patchway, Bristol.

Mr Weaver appeared before a special sitting of North Avon Magistrates in Yate, 12 miles from the city.

He was brought the six miles from Filton police station, where he had been kept overnight, in an unmarked car by three detectives, past a crowd of photographers outside the court.

Dark-haired and wearing a blue pullover and open-necked blue shirt, Mr Weaver spoke briefly four times during the five-minute hearing, replying "Yes" when first his name and then his address were put to him by the clerk of the court, Mr Gordon Harrison.

Mr Harrison said: "You are charged that on the 14th October at Patchway you murdered David James Pursall, contrary to common law, and further charged that on the 14th October at Patchway you murdered John Peterson, contrary to common law."

Mr Stephen Carpenter, for the prosecution, asked for Mr Weaver to be remanded in custody for a week. Mrs Sarah Prosser, chairman of the magistrates, remanded him in custody until October 23.

Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

● After the hearing, Detective Supt Raymond Sarginson said further charges were being considered concerning the deaths of Mr Weaver's mother, Mrs Margaret Weaver, aged 55, and his sister, Linda Weaver, aged 27.

Peugeot to double car output in jobs boost

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Peugeot has confirmed proposals to double car production at its Ryton, Coventry, plant in the next 18 months, creating up to 1,000 jobs.

The extra workers will be needed to build the Peugeot 405 model, which went into production at Ryton yesterday. It will be launched as a rival to the Sierra, Cavalier and Montego fleet cars next January.

Peugeot, which employed 8,000 workers in 1972, has recovered from a low of 1,200 workers in 1985, with 300 staff recruited this year.

Production is expected to rise to more than 80,000 cars next year, compared with 46,500 this year.

Mr Geoffrey Whalen, Peugeot's managing director, said: "For the last 20 years the company has made losses. It made a profit in the first half of 1987 of £5.7 million and I am confident we will be in the black this year."

He said that the company had introduced Japanese-style employment conditions, harmonizing sick and lateness pay and holidays.

'Terrorist link' in Dublin kidnap

Police in the Irish Republic have launched a nationwide search after four masked gunmen kidnapped the son-in-law of a millionaire doctor and demanded IR£300,000 for his release.

John O'Grady, a dentist and father of three, was abducted at gunpoint from his home on Wednesday morning, but details of the kidnap were only revealed late yesterday after Irish police lifted a news blackout.

Mr O'Grady, aged 37, was driven away in the family car, which was later found in the grounds of a hotel in the border town of Dundalk.

Supt Bill Herlihy, the officer leading the investigation, last night advised the O'Grady family not to pay the ransom. The policy of the Irish government is that ransom demands should not be met.

Last night, police were guarding Mr O'Grady's wife, Marese, and their children Darragh, aged 13, Anthony, aged 12, and Louise, aged six. Mrs O'Grady was joined by her father and by her brother, the international showjumper Paul Darragh, and her sister Adrienne, a Dublin rock singer.

The family refused to make any comment on the kidnapping.

Security forces believe that the gang was led by Dessie O'Hare, who is regarded as one of the most dangerous terrorists and is wanted by both the Garda and the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC), but they have yet to rule out the involvement of a Dublin criminal gang.

The kidnapping began at

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American firm in research pact with Oxford

By Sarah Thompson
Education Reporter

A £20 million alliance between an American pharmaceuticals giant and Oxford University is expected to produce new treatments for diseases of the central nervous system such as Alzheimer's Disease and Parkinson's Disease.

The Squibb Institute, part of E R Squibb and Sons, is building a state-of-the-art research centre in Oxford and for seven years is funding research into the chemicals that moderate "messages" sent by the brain through the central nervous system.

Scientists believe that those chemicals could be mimicked by the pharmaceuticals firm in the form of new drugs.

In return, Oxford University's department of pharmacology is to allow the drugs company access to the research and may not publish any commercially significant findings until patents have been applied for by Squibb.

The contract doubles the department's income. It means, in effect, that the intellectual property rights of the equivalent of half of a university department have been signed over to a single company for seven years, with the expectation of "reasonable royalties" for the university as well as a new laboratory for the department.

Sir Patrick Neill, Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University, who last week announced a £200 million fund-raising campaign to counteract serious budget problems at the university, said: "This is just the kind of funding we are looking for and which our own Government has encouraged us to seek".

Dr David Smith, head of the department, said yesterday that the £20 million contract will fund eight post-doctoral scientists as well as about four junior research scholarships.

"At present we are having to shelve research ideas which do not get done elsewhere," he said.

"The department is also very short of space. Some of my senior staff have 50 sq m of lab space for the whole of their research group."

The strings attached to the deal were, he said, "not significant". He added: "It is normal to delay publication of research that could be commercially viable until the patent has been filed."

The Squibb Corporation spends £165 million a year on research but only £25 million on basic research such as that covered by the Oxford contract.

Dr Charles Sanders, the company's executive vice-president, said that the arrangement was therefore a "significant percentage" of the company's research investment.

The company is considering deals with other universities. The new laboratories in Oxford's science area are to be completed in 1991, after which the corporation is funding individual research projects in five areas including epilepsy and psychoses (such as schizophrenia).

Queen steps down as Fiji head of state

From Andrew McEwen, Vancouver

The Queen yesterday stepped down as monarch of Fiji after accepting the resignation of her Governor-General, Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau.

Her decision ended Fiji's 113-year link with the Crown, and cleared the way for the republic proclaimed by coup leader Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka to be internationally recognized.

A statement issued by Palace staff in Vancouver said: "Her Majesty is sad to think that the ending of Fijian allegiance to the Crown should have been brought about without the people of Fiji being given an opportunity to express their opinion on the proposal."

The statement did not say that she was exercising her power to withdraw from being Queen of Fiji, but a Palace spokesman confirmed: "Acceptance of the Governor-General's resignation is an acknowledgement that she is no longer head of state in Fiji."

The circumstances were thought by Palace observers to be unprecedented. The possibility that the Queen might exercise this option was first suggested by *The Times* the day after Colonel Rabuka's second coup on September 25.

Fiji's membership of the Comonwealth is expected to lapse automatically. The Commonwealth secretariat has argued until now that Fiji remained a member so long as Ratu Ganilau was recognised as the legal authority.

By accepting his resignation, the Queen effectively cleared the way for the Comonwealth to accept the proclamation of a republic. Under Commonwealth rules, a country changing its status from a monarchy to a republic ceases automatically to be a member. It can resume membership only if it re-applies and is unanimously accepted, but no nation has been refused permission to re-join after such a change of status.

The sole partial exception was South Africa which, in 1961, did not not re-apply for membership after becoming a republic, because the Commonwealth had indicated that it would not be accepted.

The Queen's announcement came after she had consulted almost all the leaders attending the Commonwealth heads of government conference in Vancouver.

Her final meeting with the last of the 45 leaders was held two hours after the announcement was made.

The leaders then left Vancouver for a 24-hour retreat at Lake Okenagan, a resort in British Columbia.

As reported in *The Times* yesterday, the Prime Minister of Australia, Mr Bob Hawke, hopes that they will adopt a five-point statement in their final communiqué. This would leave the way open for Fiji to be re-accepted in the future.

The Palace spokesman said that a message was received from Ratu Ganilau on Wednesday. It said: "Your Majesty, with humble duty, I wish to submit to you the following advice, acting in my capacity as your representative of Fiji.

"Owing to the uncertainty of the political and constitutional situation in Fiji, I have now made up my mind to request Your Majesty to relieve me of my appointment as Governor-General with immediate effect. I do this with the utmost regret; but my endeavours to preserve constitutional government in Fiji have proved in vain, and I can see no alternative way forward. With deepest respects, Penaia Ganilau."

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BP share issue likely to be over-subscribed

The Government's £7.24 billion issue of BP shares is expected to be over-subscribed, despite a sharp fall in stock market prices yesterday.

The BP issue is priced at 330p, still well below last night's close of 349p. BP dropped only 1p on the day while the FT-SE 100 index fell 21 points to 2,301.9 after breaching the 2,300 level earlier in the afternoon.

An immediate premium of 30-35 per cent is being predicted for the BP partly-paid shares when trading starts on October 30. The first instalment is 120p.

Calculations issued yesterdayby NM Rothschild and Sons, adviser to the Government, valued the partly-paid shares at 158.5p if BP fully paid shares stood at 347p.

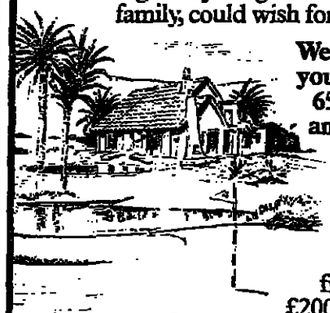
More than half the shares are expected to go to the British public. The rest are being sold internationally, under a bidding scheme to be priced on October 30.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Council disowns boycott school

Parents in Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, who are continuing to refuse to send their children to a predominantly Asian school were last night at the centre of a new legal dispute.

For the past month, the 24 children involved have been attending a makeshift school in a room above a public house owned by Mr Eric Haley, one of the parents, but they are technically in breach of the law as the school has not been registered as required by the Education Act, 1980.

Yesterday, the Department of Education and Science insisted that it was not its business and that Kirkless council was still responsible for the children's education. But Mr Ian McMillan, principal education officer at Kirklees, said: "We are not responsible for the children any more. Their parents have, in effect, formed an independent school and we have no rights of entry".

Colliery to close

British Coal has confirmed that Snowdown colliery in Kent is to close as soon as possible. The confirmation comes after rejection of an appeal by the pit deputies' union, Nacods, against the closure, announced on June 12. The 190 miners will be offered transfer to Betteshanger, Kent's one remaining colliery, or redundancy.

British Coal says that since 1983/84 the total expenditure incurred at Snowdown has been more than £23 million.

Baby girl 'stable'

Britain's youngest heart transplant patient, aged five months, was said to be in a stable condition yesterday.

The baby girl, named by a newspaper as Kaylee Davison, daughter of a couple from Washington, Tyne and Wear, had her operation on Wednesday.

● Sarah Phelps, aged three months, who was born a few hours before her mother died of cancer left hospital in Taunton, Somerset, yesterday to go home to her father.

Rail turntable fight

A railway turntable in the Pennines may be the first to be designated as a listed building.

The Yorkshire Dales National Park committee decided yesterday to seek a building preservation order for the derelict turntable at Garsdale station on the Settle-Carlisle line, which is under threat of closure by British Rail.

The turntable was sold for £200 recently to the private Keighley and Worth Valley Railway Society.

Rapist hunted

Police in Greater Manchester have set up a special squad, codenamed Operation Osprey, in an attempt to solve a series of rapes and indecent assaults.

They believe that one man could be responsible for a recent spate of attacks and for a string of attacks in the North-west during the last six years.

Detectives from the force's serious crime squad have set up an incident room at Leigh and are appealing to any women who have been attacked to come forward.

Papers appeal

Three Yorkshire newspapers failed yesterday to lift a High Court order preventing them publishing details of an independent report into the building of the Harrogate Conference Centre.

Mr Justice Webster, in a private hearing, rejected appeals by the *Harrogate Advertiser*, *The Yorkshire Post* and *The Yorkshire Evening Post* against injunctions.

The Conservative-controlled council sought the ban after details of the interim report were leaked

Free Euro condoms

Officials of the European Parliament have upset MPs by planning to install condom machines to dispense contraceptives free in Brussels and Luxemburg in response to concern over the spread of Aids. Mr Barry Seal, Labour Euro-MP for Yorkshire West, said in Strasbourg: "People will get the impression that we are sex mad instead of knuckling down to our work.

Former space chief outlines European strategy

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

A new strategy to resolve the conflict over the European space programme has been outlined by Mr Roy Gibson, the former director-general of the British National Space Centre.

His recommendations, which would streamline the European Space Agency (ESA), offer the sort of alternative the British Government will be seeking next month at the Hague in negotiations between the 13 member countries of the space agency.

Mr Gibson's intervention come as a surprise. His strategy will be seen as closely in tune with the government view voiced this week by Mr John Butcher, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

Mr Butcher called for "a reappraisal of ESA's strategy" before any more money was spent.

In an interview with *The Times*, Mr Gibson said: "The total European programme recommended by the European Space Agency was too ambitious and too costly".

He said if the Government refused any increase in spending, Britain would be unable to join any of the new European programmes and would have no influence on their direction. "Some modest increase by government and industry would give Britain an influence out of proportion to additional spending."

The ESA plan proposes development of the next version of the Ariane launch vehicle, a manned spacecraft called Hermes, and a European contribution to the United States space station under a project code-named Columbus.

That package would raise spending from £900 million to £1600 million a year over the next four to five years.

"We cannot afford to do all these programmes simultaneously. It will lead to financial indigestion. If one of the projects had to stop, it would be the worst possible situation. It would be much better, and more realistic, to take more time and to have more co-operation with the United States and Japan."

Mr Gibson said the case for Ariane 5, the proposed new launch vehicle, was very strong and it should go ahead immediately.

He doubted the need to pay now the extra money for Ariane to be rated as capable of carrying manned spacecraft.

The space agency has proposed that Ariane 5 could launch the French-designed Hermes manned shuttle into orbit. Mr Gibson said: "I don't think we can afford Hermes".

The programme should also be spread over a longer period by separating Columbus into its three elements. Two would be deferred.

His strategy would cut an increase in British spending on space research and technology from £200 million to £100 million.

Mr Gibson said: "I would like the private sector to hear from government that there is some new money, regardless of how much it is. Without money from government nothing will happen."

He believes other member countries would like the UK to play a bigger part, particularly to dilute the dominant influence of the French over the agency's programme.

Prison staff's right to go on strike is in jeopardy

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Senior ministers are warning prison officers that their right to strike could be placed under threat as a result of the dangers posed by the latest dispute in Britain's jails.

Ministers believe that the highly critical situation provoked by the industrial action has raised the question of whether prison officers, like the police, should lose the right to strike.

Although the issue has not been discussed collectively by ministers, members of the Cabinet are saying that it is one that the Government will eventually have to face, even when the present dispute is over.

They say that there is considerable similarity between the positions of police and prison staff.

Their jobs involve giving protection to the public, and that protection should not be weakened or interrupted by the vagaries of industrial action.

The raising of such a possibility by senior ministers underlines the frustration and anger they feel over the current dispute. Officers in six prisons have been refusing to accept new inmates and claim that the Home Office has gone back on pledges on manpower given when the "Fresh Start" pay and conditions package was introduced.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, said that the Government would introduce tough counter measures if the industrial action was not called off. Although he has refused to specify their nature it is widely assumed that it includes the possible housing of inmates in army camps.

The Prison Officers' Association meets today to consider its response to the Government's plea to end the dispute.

The Home Office has said that the situation is critical and unacceptable. More than 1,000 police officers have been taken from normal duties to supervise remand prisoners in cramped cells.

The size of the prison population is seen by Home Office ministers as the most crucial issue facing them during the next few years.

A series of policy initiatives are expected in the campaign to bring prison numbers down. One, disclosed in *The Times* on Tuesday, is to toughen community service orders, making them a more viable alternative to prison. An attempt to speed up court procedures is expected in an effort to reduce the remand population.

● Leaders of ethnic minorities should persuade their "best people" to join the police, Mr Douglas Hogg, Under Secretary of State at the Home Office, said yesterday.

He told a race relations conference in Bradford, organized by West Yorkshire police: "The number of ethnic minority police officers needs to increase, and needs to increase substantially". With just over 1,000 policemen from such groups in England and Wales, they were severely under-represented.



The Duchess of York celebrating yesterday as she cuts a cake to mark her twenty-eighth birthday. The Duchess was visiting an office equipment and furniture factory at Warley, West Midlands.

Earlier, there was an embarrassing moment at a careers exhibition at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, when an abbreviation of the Duchess's maiden name was misspelt on a birthday cake (right) baked by a YTS trainee. Gillian Mason, aged 17, said: "The Duchess was very good about it and appeared not to notice".

Pay-TV sights set on the professions

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

The "pay-as-you-view" BBC television package planned for the medical profession could be the first of several subscription programmes aimed at the professions, it emerged last night.

British Direct Television Ltd, the Woking-based firm which has jointly developed with the BBC the first subscription television plan, is understood to want to develop other news and feature services which could be broadcast exclusively to specialist audiences paying for programmes.

The programme for doctors, which would be transmitted on BBC 2 after close-down hours to specially adapted video recorders, may be followed by similar programmes for architects, lawyers, accountants and farmers.

Mr Laurence Greetham, chairman of British Direct Television, said: "We are using our experience in the medical field to demonstrate the capability for direct television in many other spheres. There are many areas where television will provide such a valuable service that people will be prepared to pay for it."

Mr Michael Checkland, BBC director general, said this week that he was keen to develop the commercial potential of BBC frequencies when they were not in use, but last night the BBC was noncommittal about how the proposed subscription service could be expanded.

The Home Office disclosed last night that subscription television could not go ahead without new legislation.

If the BBC proposals are approved my ministers the necessary changes would be incorporated in the Government's proposed Broadcasting Bill — which is unlikely to reach the statute book before 1989.

Although most GPs wishing to take the new specialist programme would have to spend £40 on a decoder to unscramble the broadcasts, they will not have to pay for the programmes.

The costs will be covered by advertising, expected to top £3 million in the first year. Most of the revenue would come from drug companies, but other civil and academic institutions such as the DHSS and royal medical colleges are expected to buy airtime.

British Direct Television has provided video programmes for doctors for the past five years, funded by advertising, but last night Mr Greetham said advertising had "absolutely no influence over editorial".

Marconi win £2bn US defence deal

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

The United States navy has awarded an important defence contract to the British company Marconi for communications equipment which will be fitted to every American warship and submarine.

The £275 million contract to develop a communications system which will be impossible to jam will lead to a production deal worth nearly £2 billion over 10 years.

Marconi Communications Systems, in Chelmsford, Essex, which employs about 4,000 people, has teamed up on a 50-50 basis with the American company, Rockwell Collins Defence Communication of Dallas, Texas, to develop the equipment.

Marconi said yesterday: "We regard this as a major breakthrough in the US market. It is also a very good advertisement for us and we are keeping our fingers crossed that it might generate interest among other Nato navies."

The new equipment, called HFAJ, high frequency anti-jam, will be developed from the integrated communications systems which are fitted to Royal Navy warships. The Navy played a significant part in winning the contract for Marconi by showing the Americans how the equipment worked.

The HFAJ system will be installed on American naval aircraft and shore stations, as well as warships.

Marconi, part of the GEC group, will spend the next 14 months developing the design of the new system. It will become operational in about 1994.

Buyer for VC

An unnamed private buyer is negotiating to purchase the Victoria Cross awarded to Commander John "Tubby" Linton, who sank a German cruiser, a destroyer, a U-boat and 28 transport ships in the Second World War. It was withdrawn from auction last month after reaching £48,000.

Security 'too tight for bomb'

The Irishman accused of making the IRA's Hyde Park bomb lived "under the noses of the security forces" in Crossmaglen and could not have constructed terrorist devices without being found out, it was claimed at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Mr Richard Ferguson, QC, for the defence, said that Gilbert McNamee, aged 26, an electrician, who lived at The Square, Crossmaglen, Co Armagh, could not have built circuits for remote-control bombs, such as the one used to kill four household cavalrymen in Hyde Park in 1982, because of the high level of security.

Lance Corporal Robert Beswick, of the Royal Anglian Regiment, cross-examined by Mr Ferguson, agreed that there was a constantly-manned Army post virtually outside McNamee's flat and a helicopter pad and police station near by.

McNamee denies conspiring between January 1982 and January 1984 to cause explosions in the United Kingdom.

The trial continues today.

Saatchi ends Tory link

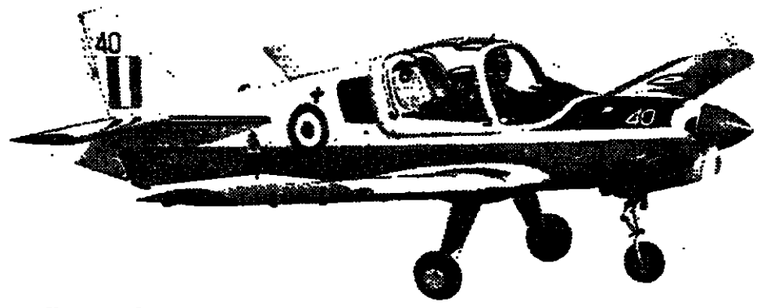
Saatchi and Saatchi is parting company with the Conservative Party after nine years as its advertising agency

A letter from the company to the Prime Minister explains that the decision has been reached because of fears of possible conflicts of interest.

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A crushing win for Karpov

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

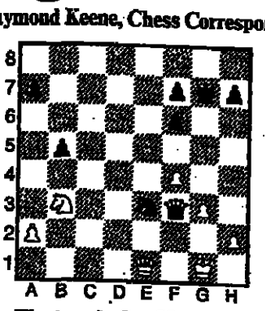
Anatoly Karpov, the challenger, moved into an early lead with a crushing victory in the second game of the World Championship match played in Seville, southern Spain, yesterday.

Karpov's win was all the more valuable as it was scored with the black pieces and in the relatively short space of 32 moves.

It is widely believed by that Kasparov may have weakened his concentration on the technical preparation for the championship by dissipating too much energy on writing and promoting his autobiography.

Kasparov's opening, the English, was unusual for him, and it brought him no advantage. Indeed, Karpov's bold ninth move was a surprise for the champion, who pondered his reply for 80 minutes, possibly a record.

By move 17, White was clearly inferior, with an advanced Black central pawn stuck in the heart of his position. At that point, it was crucial for White to attempt a grim defence.



The board after 32 moves

Instead, Kasparov tried to blast open the position with an aggressive 17th move. He was, however, promptly swept away by Karpov's devastating counter-attack, possibly the most crushing victory Karpov has scored against the champion.

Kasparov appeared nervous throughout the game. As a symptom of that, he mistakenly allowed his time clock to run for a full three minutes after making his 26th move.

By the time he he noticed the error, Kasparov had only one minute left to complete up to move 40.

Karpov will have the advantage of White tomorrow.

Yesterday's moves:

White	Black	White	Black
1 c4	Nf6	17 c4	dxc4
2 Nc3	e5	18 Bxf6	gxf6
3 Nf3	Nc6	19 Ne4	Kg7
4 g3	Bb4	20 dxc4	Rad8
5 Bg2	0-0	21 Rb3	Nd4
6 0-0	e4	22 Rxa3	Qxc4
7 Ng5	Bxc3	23 Kh1	Nf5
8 bxc3	Re8	24 Rd3	Bxa2
9 f3	e3	25 Rxd8	Rxd8
10 d3	d5	26 Ra1	Re8
11 Qb3	Na5	27 Qa5	b6
12 Qa3	c6	28 Nd2	Qd3
13 cxd5	cxd5	29 Nb3	Bf8
14 f4	Nc6	30 Bxf3	Qxf3 ch
15 Rb1	Qe7	31 Kg1	Rxa1 ch
16 Bb2	Bg4	32 Qxe7	Ne3
		White resigns	

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Handyman blames brothers for rape and murders

By Michael Horsnell

George Stephenson, a handyman accused of masterminding the Fordingbridge country house massacre, yesterday stepped into the witness box to declare his innocence and blame two co-defendants.

The former painter and decorator, aged 35, said George Daly, his friend, had asked him to drive to Burgate House, the home of the Cleaver family, after the three had spent a day at the seaside.

Mr Stephenson agreed, not knowing what was going to happen, and said that Mr Daly laughed at him when he protested about what he and his brother John were doing in the house.

The Dalys, of Deedmore Road, Coventry, and Mr Stephenson, of Elgar Road, Coventry, deny murdering Mr Joseph Cleaver and his wife Hilda, both aged 82, their son, Thomas, his wife, Wendy, and her nurse, Mrs Margaret Murphy, on September 1 last year.

Mr Stephenson and George Daly also deny rape and robbery and Mr Stephenson denies two charges of aiding and abetting the rape. Mr John Daly admits rape and robbery.

Mr Stephenson told Winchester Crown Court: "I never set foot in Burgate House that night. I had nothing to do with the atrocities.

"Mr and Mrs Cleaver were fantastic. They treated me and my wife like a son and daughter. I felt no ill-will towards them after I left their employment."

Questioned by Mr Brian Escott-Cox, QC, his counsel, Mr Stephenson admitted a "substantial" criminal record including a two-and-a-half year jail term for possessing a Luger pistol and sticks of gelignite and then firing a tear-gas spray gun at police who arrested him in 1980.

Admitting that he had served three jail sentences, Mr Stephenson went on to describe how he joined the Cleaver household with his wife Fiona in July 1986, 10 months after marrying her.

He was forced to leave three weeks later after an argument with his wife. He denied that he was dismissed.

After leaving the Cleavers, he went by bus to Bournemouth taking with him 16 bottles of red wine and a television set which belonged to the family.

For nearly three weeks afterwards he lived in Coventry at the home of Mrs Ruth Smith, and George Daly.

He helped Mr Daly with car repairs and in return, Mr Daly promised to pay for the hire of a car to take him back to Bournemouth on September 3 to collect some clothes. Mr Stephenson said that to his surprise, Mr John Daly joined them.

Mr Stephenson told the jury that he knew nothing about pick-axe handles, masks, string and petrol cans which were allegedly in the boot of the hired Rover car.

After paying social visits, he picked up the Dalys and was heading for Coventry when, Mr Stephenson claimed, Mr George Daly asked him to show him Burgate House.

The two brothers allegedly got out in the driveway of the country house and asked him to open the boot of the car through an internal lever beside the driver's seat.

"I never questioned it. I opened the boot. It was very dark. The next thing I can recall is George Daly standing beside the driver's door.

"He had his combat gear on which I had not seen before. He also had something in his hands, a stick or a pole and balaclava on the top of his head. I was astounded."

Mr Stephenson, who denies charges of five murders, rape, and robbery, continues his evidence today. The jury was told that after legal arguments charges of procuring rape against him have been dropped.



A fire brigade who know the ropes

Members of Surrey Fire Brigade's special rescue unit practising at a quarry near Reigate yesterday with equipment based on rock climbing and mountaineering kit.

The service, based at Dorking fire station, specializes in rescues from sewers, collapsed buildings, shafts, or high rise blocks. In yesterday's exercise Leading Fireman Phillip Harman (foreground) and Leading Fireman Philip Hawley brought Sub Officer Danny Carey to safety on a stretcher.

(Photograph: Nick Rogers)

Major changes 'would damage mental care'

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Health policy analysts have told the Prime Minister's adviser on health, Sir Roy Griffiths, that there is no structural "quick fix" for the problems of community care for the mentally ill, the mentally handicapped and the elderly.

The King's Fund Institute, which began a study into community care shortly after the Government announced its own led by Sir Roy last December, says that the upheaval of large reorganization of health and social services would "amount to a damaging diversion" from more deep-seated problems.

In a report published today, the King's Fund refers to recommendations put forward by the Audit Commission last year when it accused the Government of wasting £6 billion on community care and called for sweeping changes.

The report says it endorses the commission's diagnosis of the problem but does not support its proposals for structural solutions.

The authors say there is no lack of innovation but it is unevenly spread across the country.

The report calls for a coherent national multi-departmental strategy for community care.

The report cites the clash between the Department of Health and Social Security's emphasis on community-based services and the Department of Environment's rate-capping strategy which penalizes local authorities spending more on trying to expand those services.

The King's Fund also recommends devolving management to allow more flexibility, improving joint planning between local agencies and providing financial incentives to aid progress.

Promoting Innovation in Community Care. (King's Fund Institute, 126 Albert Street, 126 Albert Street, London NW1; £3.30).

Carl Bridgewater murder

Hurd orders new hearing

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

The conviction of three men for the murder of a newspaper boy has been referred to the Court of Appeal by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, after an eight-year campaign to free them.

Carl Bridgewater, aged 13, was shot dead when he disturbed a burglary at Yew Tree Farm, Prestwood, Staffordshire, in 1978. The three were convicted of his murder a year later.

Mr Hurd made his decision in the light a full investigation out by the chief superintendent of the Warwickshire police, after petitions on behalf of the three men had been submitted by their solicitors.

One of the issues considered was the retraction of evidence given at the trial by a witness who claimed he had heard one of the three men admit to the murder of the boy.

The investigation came after inquiries on three separate occasions by the Greater Manchester Police

Mrs Ann Whelan, the mother of Michael Hickey, one of the three men convicted of murder, said yesterday that she was delighted at the Home Secretary's decision.

Mrs Whelan, who has led the campaign to overturn her son's conviction, said: "It has been a terrible time ever since he was wrongly convicted. But at least now there seems to be some light at the end of the tunnel."

She said: "Fighting to prove Michael's innocence has stolen time out of all our lives. It has affected family and friends alike."

Mr James Nicholls, solicitor for Michael Hickey, said that his client, who is being held at the top-security Park Lane prison near Liverpool, was stunned by the decision.

Michael Hickey, Vincent Hickey and James Robinson were convicted at Stafford Crown Court of charges including murder and aggravated burglary. Vincent Hickey and Robinson were jailed for life for murder, with a recommendation that they serve a minimum of 25 years, and concurrent sentences of 10 years each for aggravated burglary.

Michael Hickey was ordered to be detained at Her Majesty's pleasure for murder and was sentenced to eight years concurrently for aggravated burglary.

An application for leave to appeal against the murder convictions was refused by the Court of Appeal in 1981. A fourth man, Patrick Molloy, who was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 12 years, died in jail in 1981.

—Portfolio Gold—

Two share a windfall

A transport controller and a management consultant shared yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

The consultant, Mr David Rogers, aged 59, said he would probably spend most of his windfall on improving his home at Ormond Avenue, Hampton, Middlesex.

He said that he had been successful in a competition before, when he was one of several hundred first prize winners who each got £2.50.

The framed cheque is hanging on his wall.

Mr Derek Peat, aged 50, of Maple Court, Gamlingay, Sandy, Bedfordshire, said he was sure that his wife and two daughters would know how to spend his winning share.

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Gas case sergeant in plea to recruits

By Craig Seton

An army sergeant yesterday appealed to potential young soldiers not to be put off joining up after a court martial reduced him to the rank of corporal for exposing a recruit to CS gas.

David Miller, aged 33, a general instructor with the Devonshire and Dorset regiment, was sentenced after a three-day court martial at Tern Hill Barracks, near Market Drayton, Shropshire.

Miller, who was based at Whittington Barracks, Litchfield, Staffordshire, was found guilty of lighting CS gas pellets during a mock "barrack room court martial" of Private Simon Freeth, aged 19, who had failed a locker inspection. He was also accused of exposing the young soldier to the fumes.

He was cleared of placing an ammunition sack over Private Freeth's head before forcing him to kneel over the gas pellets.

Miller, a soldier for 16 years and the best recruit of his intake in 1972, later issued a statement through his solicitor which said: "Any potential recruit reading about this trial must not be put off the army. Sergeant Miller considers it a good life and wishes to apologize to the Prince of Wales's Division and his own battalion."

Miller's court martial came after the army's Special Investigation Branch inquired into allegations that NCOs of regiments based at the Prince of Wales's Division depot at Litchfield had bullied recruits.

A corporal is due to appear before a court martial on 20 charges and a lieutenant has already left the Army after being given a reprimand.

Miller had denied six charges and was cleared of kicking one recruit, hitting another with his pace stick and failing to prevent a corporal allegedly striking recruits with a baseball bat.

The court martial was told that Miller's company commander still believed that he should serve with his regiment and on his return "Will be a strong candidate for promotion".

The finding and sentence are subject to confirmation.

Calling time at Oxford

By John Clare
Education Correspondent

Oxford Union debates may reverberate around the world but yesterday they cut no ice with the city's magistrates who ruled, for only the second time in the union's 160-year history, that they do not rate as special occasions.

The significance of the decision is that the union bar has, therefore, been refused its traditional 12.30 am licensing extension on debating nights.

Yesterday the magistrates were given a list of the sort of people whose presence tends to lift union debates out of the ordinary, beginning with the Queen and ending with a whole Cabinet-full of British Prime Ministers.

Mr Anthony Frieze, president of the union, said: "It's an astonishing verdict. The union applies for licence extensions at the beginning of every term. It's routine. We've never been refused before."

The union says it will apply to the High Court for a judicial review on the ground that the magistrates exercised their discretion improperly.

Housing boom at Sotheby's

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent

This has been an impressive week for prices in the auction houses, particularly in the house sales run by Sotheby's.

That auction house doubled its estimates at Tuesday's and Wednesday's sales at the ancient Chateau Cleydael in Belgium, by achieving £860,000, and at the two-day sale of Wilsford Manor in Wiltshire, which ended last night with a grand total of £1.6 million.

The Chateau Cleydael is a dramatic, turretted pile set within a huge moat-come-lake. Its history momentarily overlapped that of Britain, when Oliver Cromwell married Anna d'Hooftman, the daughter of the house.

Its future will be as a hotel within a golf course.

Religious items, sold well. They included a sixteenth century Dutch oak carving of the Virgin and Child, which fetched £32,579, and a triptych of the same subject from the same period, which made £30,920.

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Top prices were paid for a landscape in the Impressionist style by Emile Claus (£72,579 including buyer's premium), and a jolly genre scene by Isaac van Ostade, (£34,384).

Two drawings by Prince Albert of Wales, sketched quickly by him for an ancestor of the vendor, Mr Jean Francois Leitner, were disappointments, selling at £154.

There was better cheer for Britain's heritage at Phillips's antique arms and armour sale yesterday when the descendant of the English Civil war hero, Lord Astley, succeeded in buying back the gauntlets his ancestor lost when fighting for Charles I at Stow-on-the-Wold.

Mr David Glaisyer, a resident of the area, bought them for £3,520 (estimate £2,000 to £2,500).

Meanwhile prices for the remaining possessions of Stephen Tennant continued to astonish at Wilsford Manor, Wiltshire. Two eighteenth century views of Rome fetched £220,000 (estimate £25,000 to £35,000) from Chaucer Fine Art from London, while the Fine Art Society spent £24,200 (estimate £3,000 to £5,000) on Jacob Epstein's bust of Stephen Tennant.

Photographs, many by Cecil Beaton, of Tennant and his friends were much in demand. The one featured on the catalogue cover, of Tennant in his prime, went for £3,740.

Another, of him desporting with his friends as shepherds and shepherdesses, sold for £660.

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Airline pilots join controllers in call over traffic crisis

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Airline pilots yesterday put their weight behind Britain's air traffic controllers in demanding urgent action to tackle the growing crisis in the air.

Captain Mike Clarke, the chairman of the British Airline Pilots' Association, yesterday met senior air traffic control officials at a conference organized by the Guild of Air Traffic Controllers.

Both organizations agreed that no one really knew the full extent of the problems on the ground and in the air because of a lack of reliable statistical information from the Civil Aviation Authority.

The two groups agreed to launch an urgent investigation into the number of potentially dangerous incidents; to press for more air space, now taken over by military operations, for civilian use; and to lobby for an increase in the number of jet movements allowed at night.

The first priority will be to press both pilots and controllers to report incidents to their respective organizations.

The reports should be confidential but it is hoped they will be more comprehensive than the formal reports now put in to the CAA.

Captain Clarke said: "We do not want to put any blame on the controllers if separation standards are occasionally infringed. But we do want to know how often it is really happening."

At the moment all pilots and controllers who are involved in a potentially dangerous incident are supposed to report it formally under a system known as a Mandatory Occurrence Report.

They claim that many incidents are not being reported because of fears that disciplinary action would be taken against anyone who may be partially to blame.

At the same time Balpa believes that more pilots are suffering from fatigue caused largely because of cumulative delays caused by having to wait in a holding pattern for a landing slot at an airport.

Now Balpa is to ask all its members to give them details of instances when they are over-tired or under increased pressure.

Those will then be fed into reports from the controllers, in the hope that action can be taken to change airline schedules or to force the CAA to spend more money on new equipment and to recruit more controllers.

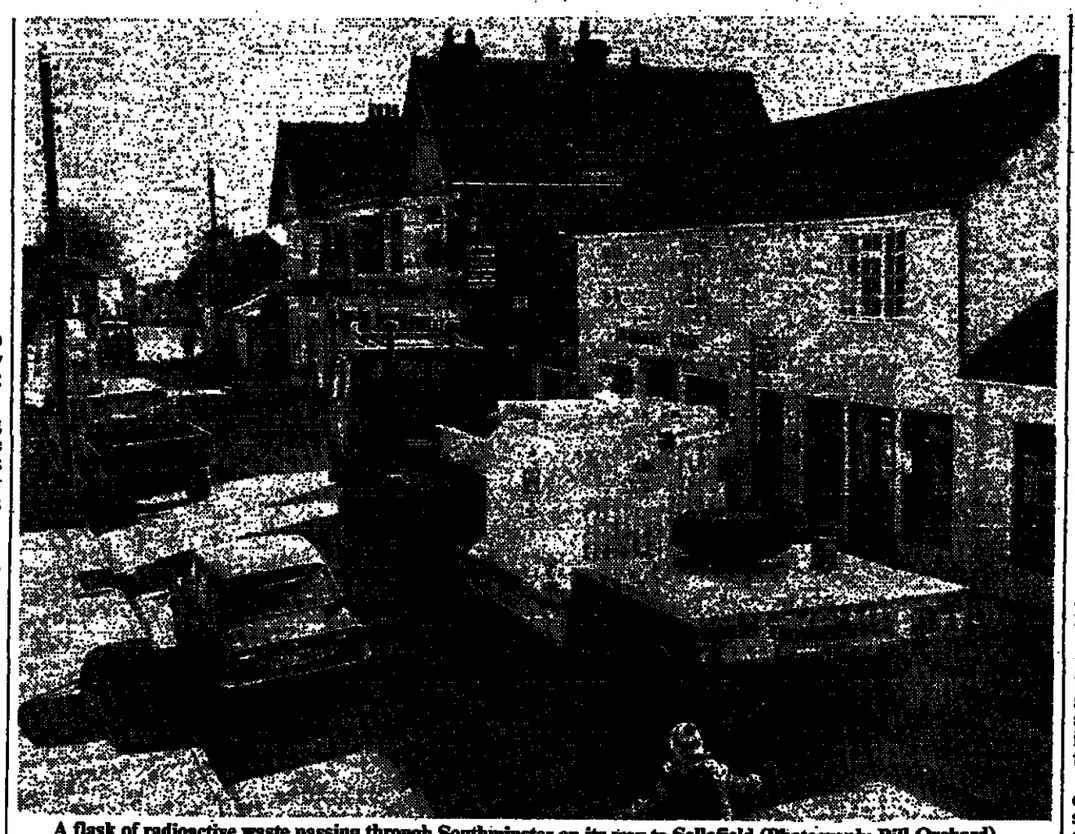
The controllers are asking their members to be far more honest in reporting incidents and to set a standard for reporting occurrences throughout the country.

The three-day conference, which ends today, has concentrated on the problems faced by controllers in meeting the ever-increasing demand for flights into and out of Britain.

Captain Clarke said: "So many things are now interrelated that it is time the industry came together to tackle them and we believe that this new initiative that we have taken with the guild should help".

Airline chiefs have also joined in the growing chorus of criticism of the failure to provide an efficient service.

Mr Michael Bishop, chairman of British Midland Airways, said that the standard of service his airline had received from air traffic control had diminished greatly in the past year and that far more resources needed to be made available.



A flask of radioactive waste passing through Southminster on its way to Sellafield (Photograph: Bill Orchard).

Village start for atomic waste on 300-mile trip

Highly radioactive waste from the Bradwell power station in Essex began a weekly 300-mile journey by road and rail to the Sellafield reprocessing plant in Cumbria yesterday (Our Technology Correspondent writes).

To the villagers of Southminster, near Malden, the sight of the lorry led by a van passing down the main street has become familiar enough to engender indifference, despite its potentially hazardous cargo of irradiated uranium fuel rods.

Few witness the small convoy pass to the station for a special northbound train. Its passage coincides with the departure of a free bus service to a supermarket.The opposition only reveals itself in any force once the ribbed flask containing the rods passes by train through north London.

There, pressure groups such as Alert Against Radioactive Materials (Alarm) complain about the danger of transporting the waste through a densely populated areas. Alarm claims that the only reason for the journey so far from the reactor is to sift weapons-grade plutonium from the waste.

'Lives at risk' from emergency vehicles

By John Spicer

The stress and strains of answering emergency calls in ambulances which were not designed for the purpose are putting lives at risk, according to a university professor.

After looking into incidents in Devon in which wheels have come off and drive shafts have broken, Professor Richard Booth says that 54 Bedford ambulances belonging to the health authority should be scrapped.

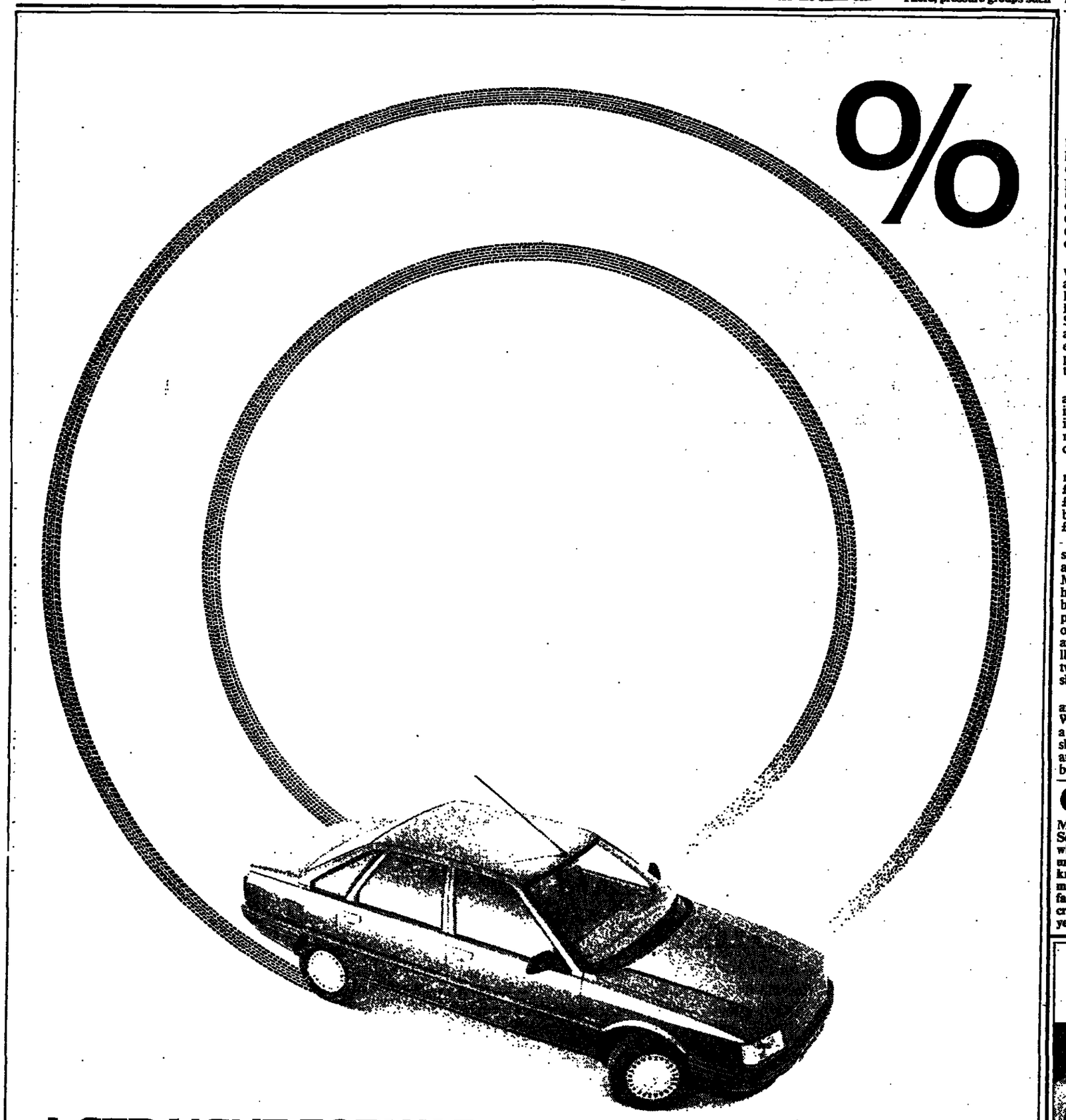
Leaders of Devon's ambulance crews will be meeting authority officials today to make the same demand.

Bedford Trucks division of General Motors said last night that several thousand CF280 ambulances had been used by at least 10 ambulance authorities over the years with very few problems.

"Whenever a fault was discovered and our subsequent advice on ways to cure it were followed, then we found that generally ended the problem."

There have been fives cases of wheel or halfshaft failure in Devon since June and the crews have refused to drive the ambulances.

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Weekend food prices

Choice in chicken and lean joints

Until four years ago there was little choice when buying chicken other than whole or portioned, fresh or frozen birds. Now more than 25 per cent of chicken purchased is either spiced, basted, exotically flavoured, stuffed or coated.

Hardly a week goes by without another new recipe appearing in the shops. Mr Paul Gittins, chairman of British Chicken Information Service, agrees that travel abroad and an increase in ethnic restaurants has made people more adventurous in their eating habits.

"As an industry we have also played an important part in providing exciting and imaginative alternatives to the more traditional roast or casseroled bird."

Fresh chicken prices this month are whole birds 72p to £1.08 a lb, boneless breast £2.52 to £3.09 a lb; corn-fed birds 99p a lb and poussins £1.18 to £1.19 a lb.

Good supplies of beef ensure stable prices in the shops across a wide range of joints. Most shops and supermarkets have lean cuts and one chain butcher has extra lean meat on promotion. The average price of roast topside is £2.20 a lb and boneless sirloin is £2.88 a lb. Stewing steak costs between £1.28 and £1.65 a lb and shin of beef about £1.29 a lb.

Lamb prices, apart from leg, are unchanged since last week. Whole leg costs £1.40 to £1.89 a lb, up a penny a lb. Whole shoulder costs between 78p and £1.18 a lb and loin chops between £1.65 and £2.35 a lb.

Supplies of quality fish are good despite the weather. Inshore fish are particularly plentiful but prices have increased slightly. Plaice fillets are about £2.40 a lb, lemon sole £2.60 a lb. There is plenty of mackerel from Scotland and the West Country at around 60p a lb.

Billingsgate eagerly awaits a consignment of swordfish today which will retail at about £4 a lb. Shellfish are plentiful with native oysters 90p each, Pacific oysters 45p each, hen and cock crabs £1.40 and £1.60 respectively.

Conference pears are a star buy and cheap from 22p a lb. Poached lightly in a sugar syrup they will keep in the freezer for up to a year.

Kiwi fruit 12p to 20p each, Thompson seedless grapes 60p to 80p a lb, Italia grapes 50p to 80p, pomegranates 20p to 30p each are all plentiful. Newcomers to shops this week are English Comice pears at 50p to 70p a lb and Spania satsumas 45p to 55p a lb.

A good selection of root vegetables includes swedes 16p to 18p, carrots 24p and parsnips 15p to 35p a lb. Cauliflowers at 50p to 60p each are plentiful, as are courgettes at 65p to 85p a lb, sweetcorn 12p to 25p a cob, leeks 35p to 55p a lb and mushrooms 35p to 60p a half pound.

English celery 20p to 45p a head, tomatoes 40p to 80p a lb, Iceberg lettuce 65p to 85p, round lettuce 18p to 28p a head, and Chinese leaves 40p to 70p each are the best salad buys.

Currie demands butter

Mrs Edwina Currie, Under Secretary of State for Health, whose outspoken criticism of unhealthy eating is well known, unashamedly demanded butter instead of low-fat spreads when she sampled crumpets at a new factory yesterday.

She emphasized that butter should only be eaten in moderation, after opening the £1 million factory built by the Master Baker Hot Plate Company in Nelson, Lancashire.

Crumpets were low-fat, she added, and probably had less fat than ordinary bread.

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Law Society chief gives backing to 'one stop shopping'

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Public backing for solicitors to provide "one stop shopping" in mixed practices with other professions came for the first time from the president of the Law Society yesterday.

Mr Derek Bradbeer told nearly 1,000 solicitors at their annual conference in Vienna that solicitors have to relax their rules to survive.

He said that if solicitors "remain locked into a rigid strait-jacket of solicitor-only private practice partnerships for ever", they would miss opportunities "for commercial exploitation and development".

They would also "be unable to respond to public needs for legal services both in the privately-paid and publically-supported sector".

In a wide-ranging speech Mr Bradbeer also urged closer controls on the 3,000 sole practitioners in England and Wales. New one-man firms should have their accounts called in twice, and should be encouraged into partnerships and other arrangements with other firms.

He issued a strong warning to the profession about the dangers of over-commercialism and over-zealous "price cutting", and criticized the ludicrously "low" level of fees some solicitors charge for conveyancing.

Solicitors had entered an era of "overt competition", he said. "Sensible price competition is of course healthy and will normally operate for the benefit of the clients."

However, some charges he had heard of recently for conveyancing were "nothing short of ludicrous and most certainly cannot operate in the public interest". The work could not be done properly in the time covered by the charge on any reasonable assumption whatsoever.

In his view there was a link between "dangerous price cutting" and "some recent defaults by solicitors with a consequent increase in the contributions to the compensation fund".

He gave a warning that pursuit of the "idol of commercialism" and leaving "the needy to the mercies of a nationalized legal service" could lead to the day when no one would defend individuals against the state.

A nationalized legal service might no longer be willing or able to do so; and private practice lawyers, having opted for commercialism, would no longer be able to fill the gap.

There would always be solicitors in the commercial area earning far more than the average practioner. But it would "totally destroy the nature of our profession if we allow the desire to emulate the earnings of others to become too dominant a factor".

On mixed practices Mr Bradbeer said solicitors had a role to play in these under two conditions: they must be in control within in such practices, which should be free to incorporate with or without limited liability.

Second, only members of professional bodies with high ethic standards should be able to join solicitors. They should be active partners, or executive directors or employees if the practice was incorporated.

Urging closer controls on sole practioners, on which the Law Society has set up a working party, Mr Bradbeer said that a recent sample of complaints to the Solicitors' Complaints Bureau showed that 20 per cent related to one-man bands; and of a sample of cases which went to adjudication committee, 34 per cent related to them.

Sole practice was "a stressful form of work where the proprietor does not have the benefit of partners with whom to discuss problems and share the load".

New one-man firms should have their accounts called in twice yearly and all sole practioners should be encouraged to enter into partnership or share facilities with other firms to ease the pressures on them.

Increased scrutiny opposed

Young solicitors hit back yesterday at proposals by the president of the Law Society that the 3,000 one-man firms in England and Wales should be more closely controlled.

Mr Jeremy Shulman, president of the Young Solicitors Group, told the society's conference: "To wipe 3,000 firms providing a valuable service to the public off the slate would be a totally unacceptable imposition.

"It is true that sole practitioners are statistically a high risk group in matters of professional negligence and non-observants of the rules, but we feel it would be an unwarranted infringement on the right of the individual for sole practitioners per se to be prevented from practising."

Mr Derek Bradbeer had said earlier that one-man firms should be encouraged to merge or at least to share facilities with other solicitors.

Mr Shulman said the answer to Mr Bradbeer's argument that one-man firms attracted a disproportionate number of complaints was to make sole practitioners more aware of their limitations and their vulnerability.

There should be proper enforcement of the professional rule making it improper for any solicitor, sole practitioner or otherwise, to accept instructions on matters outside his or her competence.

More scrutiny and control should also be exercised to prevent solicitors claiming in public documents such as directories and advertisements that they have expertise in all types of work if they do not, he said.

There was a need, he said, for sole practitioners in specialist areas in the larger centres and in general work in the country. He added that it was the medium sized firms which were in the "greatest state of flux" and they were most under threat.

Those who derived their principle fee income from domestic conveyancing and legal aid must seriously consider whether they could survive in the face of increasing conveyancing competition and harsh government cutbacks. For them perhaps merger was the answer, Mr Shulman said.

Digging down to Domesday farms

By Alan Hamilton

Archaeologists have seized a rare opportunity to investigate the ancient farmsteads that nestle in the medieval landscapes of a sequestered Devon valley, before they disappear for ever under the waters of a huge new reservoir.

On the northern edge of Dartmoor the waters of the River Wolf meander by the Domesday manors of Southweek and Bratton Clovelly, past deserted farmsteads that once sang to the splash of mill wheels.

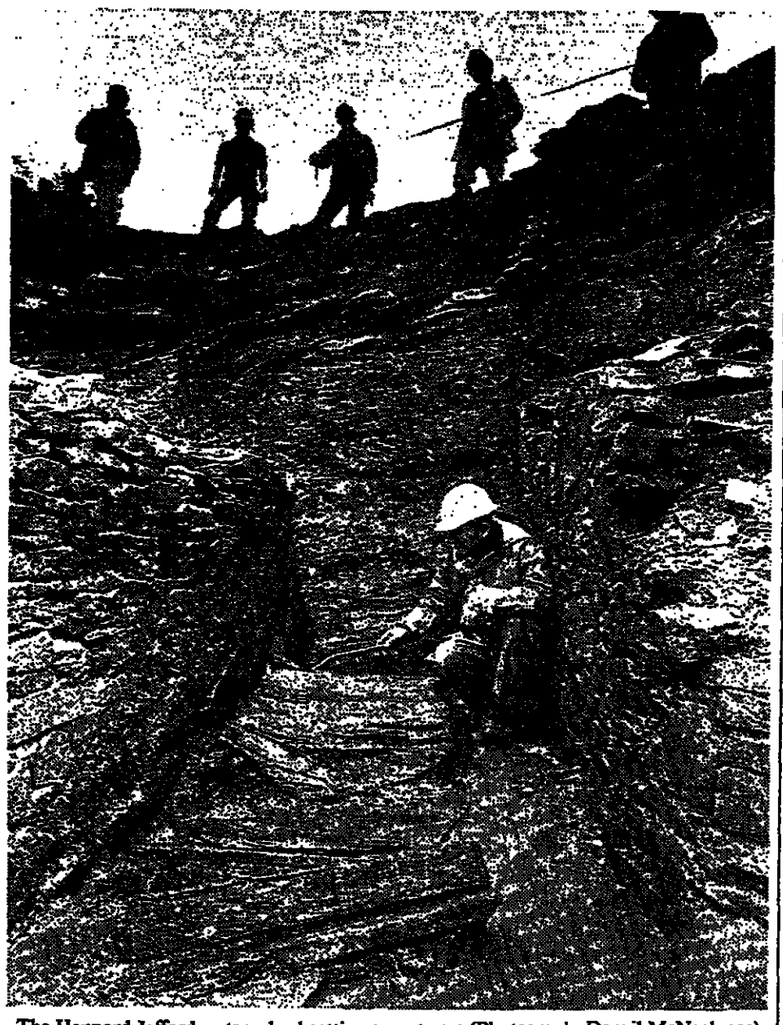
The last farmer moved to higher ground in 1986, driven out by the protracted planning blight of three public inquiries that spanned more than 10 years and eventually moved the West Country's badly needed third big reservoir off the high moorland.

Now work has at last begun on the dam to contain the 8,120 million gallons and 738 acres of the controversial Roadford reservoir, being built to ease a critical shortage in one of the few areas of Britain where demand for water is still rising. In 1990 the trickling Wolf will begin to fill the valley, erasing a landscape that has changed only marginally in the past 500 years.

Neglected farm buildings, some still with their stone cider presses, are falling inside thick cob walls of clay and cow dung. But it is what lies under them that interests the archaeologists, who rarely have the opportunity to knock down a Victorian farmstead in search of the medieval one underneath.

Excavation at the hamlet of Hennard Jefford, which 200 years ago had nine houses but gradually decayed to one, has already revealed the eighteenth century millrace and the shattered remains of its wooden wheel.

Further investigation will, it is hoped, produce evidence of even older activity; digging has already turned up the rubbish of five centuries, from medieval pottery through seventeenth century leather shoes to a discarded Camp coffee bottle.



The Hennard Jefford water-wheel getting expert care (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance).

"This valley shows a settlement pattern just as described in the Domesday Book, with a Lord of Manor at Southweek and his four villeins", Mr Simon Timms, the Devon county archaeologist, said. "We have a unique opportunity to dig below the level of the eighteenth century farmers and find their antecedents. This sort of pattern is still common in the South-west but it has never been fully studied archaeologically."

The Wolf Valley appears once to have been a prosperous place, with evidence that the water turned both a grain and a cloth fulling mill. Bratton Clovelly, which will remain above the water level, grew rich on the wool trade.

English Heritage, which is helping to fund the valley dig, is also helping to uncover and preserve a remarkable series of seventeenth century wall paintings in its tiny Norman church, which themselves cover a series of medieval frescos.

It is in the valley, however, that attention is being concentrated. The archaeologists hope to discover more of the farmsteads of West Wrotha, now only a derelict seventeenth century farmhouse but first documented in 1320. "This is a very rare opportunity; you cannot excavate a farm that is still in use", Mr Chris Henderson, the project director, said.

The experts expect to show that the Wolf Valley, untouched by modern agribusiness, is largely unchanged since the Saxons farmed it. It is still a landscape of tiny fields, high hedges and meandering lanes that a wet autumn turns to quagmires. Before long the trees and hedges will be grubbed up to help keep Plymouth's new water supply pure.

University entrants now better qualified

By John Clare
Education Correspondent

University undergraduates are better qualified now than they have ever been, the Universities Central Council on Admissions reported yesterday.

It shows that over the past 20 years the proportion of young people admitted to university with at least three grade Cs at A level has risen from 58 per cent to 78 per cent.

At the same time, the proportion of successful applicants with three grade As, or something close to it, has risen from 22 per cent to 32 per cent.

The proportion of those gaining a place with only two A levels has fallen from 15 per cent to 7 per cent.

In spite of the rising entry hurdle, the council says there is no shortage of well-qualified school-leavers and no evidence, as is sometimes claimed, of a "limited pool of ability".

The percentage of undergraduates whose fathers are in professional or managerial jobs has increased but the council says that is because of significant changes in the occupational structure of Britain. "There has been a relatively faster increase in the participation rates for children of manual than of non-manual workers."

About 30 per cent of the successful applicants from schools in England and Wales come from the independent sector, although it educates only 7 per cent of the pupils.

The report says a striking change over the past 20 years is the increased proportion of women candidates, up from 30 per cent to 44 per cent.

Since 1968, the number of men applying to university has increased by 19 per cent but the number of women has risen by 118 per cent.

About half the total of 152,000 students who applied last year were given a place.

Another big change is in the range and variety of courses universities offer. The number of courses has increased from 3,600 to nearly 9,000 as new branches of knowledge have been introduced and established branches have been sub-divided, the report says.

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Civil Servants and politics

Union fears loss of negotiating rights

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Mr John Ellis, leader of Britain's biggest Civil Service union, has written to Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary and head of the Civil Service, demanding to know if he intends to end its pay negotiating rights in Whitehall.

Mr Ellis and other senior officials of the Civil and Public Services Association, which is now under the control of Militant Tendency supporters, fear that the Government has plans to strip them of power if the union affiliates to the Labour Party, as planned.

There is no law against Civil Service unions linking to a political party but Treasury ministers would regard such affiliation as a serious development, against the traditional political neutrality of Civil Servants.

Moderates on the CPSA executive, including Mr Ellis, are getting signals that the Government "will take steps" to ensure that no such move is made.

The union's Militant leadership intends to go ahead with a ballot of its 143,000 members next spring, urging affiliation to Labour.

In February, CPSA members, who are largely employed in social security and unemployment benefit offices, voted 57,553 in favour and 21,497 against the establishment of a political fund.

At the time, they were assured that would be used to promote the union and campaign politically and not to help to finance any party.

At the last meeting of CPSA's executive, Mr Ellis argued that members would feel "conned" if an affiliation ballot was held but he was over-ruled by the controlling Militant group.

Mr Ellis's letter to Sir Robert is in response to what the union regards as the "leak" of a veiled threat that, if the CPSA does affiliate to the Labour Party, steps will be taken to remove its right to negotiate over pay and conditions.

Union leaders feel that machinery would be introduced which would only give them an advisory role, similar to that in the scheme imposed by the Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, on teachers.

Mr Ellis and other moderates fear that the actions of the union's leadership will weaken the CPSA as members "vote with their feet" and leave the union.

Already, some of their strongholds, in the Ministry of Defence and Metropolitan Police, have only about 30 per cent representation and that could lead the Government to argue that the union was no longer representative.

Since CPSA members rejected the Militant call for a strike over pay earlier this year, membership of the union has dropped from more than 150,500 to about 143,000.

In 1983, CPSA members voted 31,479 in favour and 65,922 against forging direct links with the party.

Jobless 'can build own home'

Britain's rundown inner cities could be transformed if the unemployed built their own homes, Dr Rod Hackney, president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, said last night.

He told members of the Chartered Institute of Builders in London that community schemes with jobless people learning the skills of architects and builders could revitalize deprived urban areas.

A million homes in Britain were unfit for human habitation, while 10 million needed expenditure of at least £4,000 per home to become habitable.

It was costing £86 billion to re-build the inner cities the traditional way but merely spending large sums of money was not the answer.

New schemes in such areas as Stirling and Leicester, where professionals trained people to rebuild their environment, met with enormous success

Looking to a time when such schemes were more widespread, Dr Hackney said: "We can create that renaissance from the bottom if we, the informed experts, can articulate not for us any more, but for others, the ways round the bureaucratic rules that were meant for another time".

Dr Hackney's self-help community project Inner City Aid, with the Prince of Wales as patron, ran into trouble when it was launched at the same time as another charity, for which the Prince made a cash appeal.

Inner City Aid was said to have been "put on ice" after raising only £33,000 instead of an expected £10 million. But last night Dr Hackney, the charity's chairman, insisted that the project would continue.

'90% backing' for no-smoking zones

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Ninety per cent of the population think that no-smoking zones should be provided in all public places including restaurants, public houses and offices, according to a survey published today.

It coincides with the publication of a leading article in the *British Medical Journal* calling for a much tougher government policy on health promotion to reduce heart disease, lung cancer and alcohol abuse.

The Marplan survey on a representative sample of more than a thousand adults throughout the country, shows that two thirds of the population think that advertising and promotion of tobacco should be banned, 61 per cent think tobacco tax should rise at least in line with the cost of living and 94 per cent want greater emphasis on health education in schools.

More than half also felt that employers should provide exercise facilities for employees and their families, and that food should be labelled to show the fat, salt and sugar content. Of those questioned, 85 per cent said that smoking should be banned in hospitals and other health service premises.

The results of the survey, commissioned by North Western Regional Health authority and published in the *British Medical Journal*, will put added pressure on the Government before the parliamentary debate on health promotion next Friday.

The leading article calls on the Prime Minister to ask all government departments to identify and review policies that may affect health.

"The Chancellor should consider how fiscal policy can be used to promote health and indefensible policies that bring international disgrace on British public health, such as the voluntary agreement on tobacco advertising and sponsorshop, should end."

The authors are Dr Noel Olsen, Hampstead district medical officer, and Miss Nicola Tewson, Riverside assistant director of health education.

Labour official wins dismissal appeal

The Labour Party's dismissal of its first sales and marketing officer, Miss Nik Oakley, from her £11,700-a-year job was unfair, the Court of Appeal ruled yesterday.

Lord Justice Watkins, said the facts amply justified the submission by Miss Oakley's counsel that the Labour Party had made up its mind to get rid of her and the restructuring of her department was a pretext and a "charade".

The court allowed, with costs, an appeal by Miss Oakley, of Old Mill Lane, Hunton Bridge, Kings Langley, Hertfordshire, from an employment appeal tribunal in favour of the Labour Party. Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was refused. The case now goes back to an industrial tribunal to consider compensation.

Lord Justice Watkins said it was a little ironic that the restructuring had been recommended in a report prepared by Miss Oakley.

She was appointed the party's first sales and marketing officer, under a fixed-term contract for a year, from January 1985. Her contract was not renewed.

Lord Justice Watkins said the party decided to reorganize the sales and marketing unit with the disappearance of Miss Oakley's job and the creation of a new one, involving broadly similar duties

Lord Justice Watkins said the employment appeal tribunal had accepted that the decision to restructure the department was a "substantial reason" for Miss Oakley's dismissal. An industrial tribunal had found that Miss Oakley should have been given "a fair crack of the whip" in applying for the new job.

Maths gives Bard's unknown poem complete approval

By Robert Matthews

Did the editors of the Oxford complete works of Shakespeare act with injudicious hasfe in ascribing to the Bard the love-poem unearthed in the Bodleian library two years ago?

The nine-stanza poem, "Shall I die?", was found by one of the editors, Dr Gary Taylor, in a folio volume that had been held in the vaults of the Oxford library since 1755.

Its discovery triggered a controversy over whether the style of the rather lacklustre poem was that of Shakespeare or of an unknown contemporary. One professor went as far as to say that if it was the work of Shakespeare, then it must have been written after his stroke.

Now two American researchers have applied higher mathematics to the poem and claim to have found strong support for Dr Taylor's claims for its authenticity.

Publishing their findings in the latest issue of the mathematical journal *Biometrika*, Dr Ronald Thisted of Chicago University and Dr Bradley Efron of Stanford University in California make use of an ingenious statistical theory.

At the heart of their test are the questions: how wide was Shakespeare's vocabulary, and how much of it did he use? In other words, how many new and rarely used words would one expect to emerge in the poem, given the number of such words found in work already proved to be his work?

By analysing the more than 884,000 words in the existing Shakespeare canon, the researchers calculated that there should be about seven new words in the 429-word poem. In fact, nine new words appear: admirations, besots, exiles, inflection, joying, scanty, speck, tormentor and explain.

However, the strongest support for a Shakespearean origin comes from a much more powerful test developed by the mathematicians. That has enabled them to compare Shakespeare's known use of words with that of the author of "Shall I die ?", and with other Elizabethan poets such as Ben Jonson and Christopher Marlowe.

Shakespeare used unusual words with surprising frequency: two-thirds of the 31,500 distinct words in his proven works occur no more than three times.

Using a computer to analyse poems by Jonson and Marlowe, the mathematicians found that Jonson used unusual words less frequently than Shakespeare.

Marlowe's poem, on the other hand, gave evidence of greater creativity than Shakespeare in the use of language.

The author of "Shall I die?" was found to have almost exactly the same word-power as Shakespeare. Using their test on four other Shakesperean poems, the mathematicians found the same degree of consistency.

"The Taylor poem appears consistent with the hypothesis of Shakespearean authorship", conclude the researchers.

Receiver gets jail sentence

An Official Receiver was jailed yesterday for four months concurrently after pleading not guilty to three charges of obtaining property by deception.

York Crown Court was told that Robert Douglas, aged 54, of Ash Tree Green, Carlton, Stockton-on-Tees, who was head of the Leeds office, had claimed a weekly lodging allowance although he commuted 130 miles daily from his home.

Remand after Henley attack

John Howard, aged 22, of Clarence Road, Henley, who broke a glass bottle over the head of a youth aged 16 at the Royal Henley Regatta this year, was found guilty by magistrates at Maidenhead yesterday of malicious wounding.

Howard was remanded in custody until November 4, to allow assessment of his suitability for community service.

£425,000 for crash victim

Mr Steven Smith, aged 20, of Boardman Avenue, Chingford, Essex, was awarded damages of £425,000 in the High Court in London yesterday for injuries suffered in a road accident three years ago.

At a separate High Court hearing, Paul Ewen, aged five, of Boyce Road, Stanford-Le-Hope, Essex, whose father died in an accident at an oil refinery in 1982, was awarded damages of £7,500.

Wallaby lost

A Wallaby called Springer is thought to be hiding in vineyards after disappearing from a collecter's house in Lamberhurst, Kent.

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Martens quits over rebel mayor

From Jonathan Braude
Brussels

Mr Wilfried Martens, the Prime Minister of Belgium, yesterday tendered his resignation to King Baudouin after failing to resolve the latest crisis between the rival French and Flemish Christians in his four-party coalition Government.

The King, who has the power to refuse the Prime Minister's resignation, was considering whether to ask Mr Martens to stay on or ask one of his rivals to try to form a government. Alternatively, an election could be called.

Not for the first time, the Christian parties are at loggerheads over the position of Mr José Happart, a provincial mayor who refuses to speak Flemish. His fate will have important implications for French speakers in the Brussels suburbs.

In a long-running merry-go-round, Mr Happart has repeatedly been co-opted as mayor by the francophone majority of the local council of the Fourons, or Voeren in Flemish.

He has just as regularly been deposed by one method or another because this group of largely francophone villages is technically part of Flanders.

Mr Martens's Flemish Christian People's Party is demanding that Mr Happart be divested of his mayoral functions once and for all.

But the francophone Christian Socialist Party is first demanding guarantees for French-speaking councillors in the Brussels suburbs.

The dispute centres on linguistic laws that designate Brussels the only official bilingual community. In the rest of the country all official business is conducted exclusively in a single language.



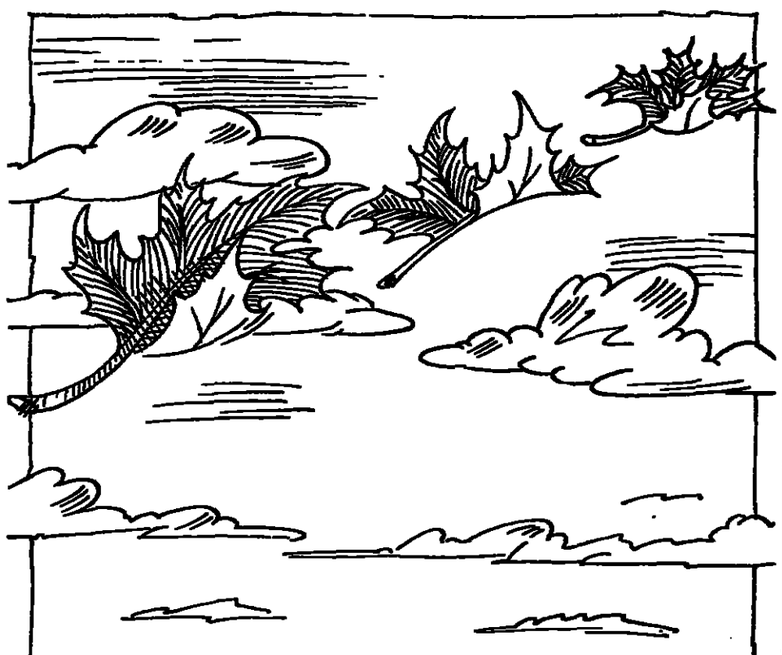
Mr Wilfried Martens being questioned by journalists in Brussels yesterday after announcing his resignation at the palace.

In the Fourons, and five dormitory suburbs on the borders of Brussels, a large French-speaking population is virtually unrepresented. francophone councillors must work in Flemish, and if necessary, take a test to prove they are fluent in the official language.

Mr Martens was expected to find a solution that the coalition could live with. But his suggestion that Mr Happart be told to stand down as mayor for three months, while Parliament considered a new draft of the linguistic laws, proved unacceptable to the French Christians.



Mr José Happart: he refuses to speak Flemish.



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Vote on Cambodia withdrawal

Setback at UN for Vietnam

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

Despite intense efforts to change its international image, the Vietnamese Government suffered a severe setback as the United Nations General Assembly demanded yesterday, by the largest majority ever, an immediate end to its occupation of Cambodia.

The vote of 117 to 21 with 16 abstentions brought the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean) group, spearheading the anti-Vietnamese campaign, one more supporter than last year. The result elated Asean members and backers, who feared that after eight years of almost unanimous censure the Vietnamese occupation would begin to be regarded as a permanent reality.

In recent weeks Vietnam announced several diplomatic initiatives, including support for informal talks with factions of the Cambodian opposition and an offer to give Prince Norodom Sihanouk a post in the Cambodian Government. The Soviet Union and Vietnam, as a means of convincing the international community of their sincerity, participated in the UN debate for the first time since 1983.

But the Vietnamese and Soviet moves proved fruitless as scores of speakers rejected Vietnam's attempt to convey an image of flexibility. The vote on Cambodia was seen as providing momentum to a similar campaign by Pakistan to prevent any erosion of support for its drive to isolate the Soviet Union over its occupation of Afghanistan – a matter to be debated later in the General Assembly.

Both the issues of Cambodia and Afghanistan are seen as huge impediments to Moscow's overwhelming desire to gain a foothold in American spheres of influence. The intensity of Vietnam's diplomatic effort has been superseded by that of the Soviet-backed Afghan Government to see that its overtures to the insurgents are accepted as more than empty gestures.

The Soviet Union attempted to put on a brave face following the assembly defeat as its delegate, Mr Aleksandr Belongov, spoke of "favourable opportunities that now exist for making progress in the Cambodian settlement". But Mr Nguyen dy Nien, Vietnam's Deputy Foreign Minister, criticized the resolution, predicting that it would lengthen the stalemate, since it failed to ensure against the return of the Pol Pot regime.

Shultz in tough peace mission

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, left for the Middle East yesterday to try to promote peace talks between Israel and the Arab states, but without any firm indications that either side is ready to make concessions.

He will then go on to Moscow, where he is to settle the remaining details of a medium-range arms control agreement and pin down a date for a summit meeting here.

Mr Shultz has been reluctant to involve himself in the Middle East, believing that the US should not seem to be more eager for talks than the parties themselves. His last visit was in 1985. But Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, has put pressure on him to try to start negotiations.

Mrs Thatcher has also strongly urged the Reagan Administration to help convene an international peace conference. But the Israeli Government is deeply split on this, and Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, has repeatedly insisted that he will not agree to any conference that includes the Soviet Union.

In an interview published in Jerusalem on Wednesday, Mr Shamir said that such a conference would force Israel to give up all the territories captured in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

Stagnation in the Middle East is considered highly dangerous here, especially in view of the crisis in the Gulf. That message will also be brought here by the Crown Prince and Deputy Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia, Prince Abdallah bin Abdul Aziz, who will hold talks next week at the invitation of Vice-President George Bush.

Prince Abdullah is expected to discuss the Gulf situation, where congress has called on Saudi Arabia to give the US more visible support.

Mr Shultz is due to arrive in Israel today, fly to Saudi Arabia for a few hours on Saturday, return to Israel and then go to Cairo on Monday before flying to London where he will meet King Hussain of Jordan. Mr Shultz will then go on to Moscow on October 22 and 23.

He will discuss the Middle East, among other regional issues, with Mr Edvard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister. The Soviet position on the inclusion of Palestinians in a peace conference is somewhat blurred.

The two men will also review the progress of their negotiators in framing an intermediate-range nuclear forces agreement.

WORLD SUMMARY

Redgrave backed by appeal judges

New York – The Boston Symphony Orchestra infringed the civil rights of Vanessa Redgrave when it cancelled a series of concerts in which she was to perform, an appeals court has ruled (Charles Bremner writes).

The finding of the Boston circuit court was the latest chapter in a long legal battle between the politically-active actress and the orchestra, which began when it dropped her in 1982 from a programme in which she was to narrate Stravinsky's *Oedipus Rex*. The orchestra said it cancelled because it had received threats that the performance would be disrupted by pro-Israeli demonstrators angered at her support for the Palestine Liberation Organization. Two of the three appeal judges rejected the orchestra's claim, upheld by lower courts, that disruptions could cause danger and detract from the artistic integrity of its prodaction.

Duarte's peace bid

Washington – President Duarte of El Salvador yesterday called on Nicaragua's left-wing Government to seek national reconciliation by talking directly to the US-backed Contra rebels (Christopher Thomas writes).

His call, similar to one made by President Arias of Costa Rica, author of the Central America peace agreement, came amid repeated Nicaraguan refusals to deal directly with the rebel leaders.

The deadlock is emerging as the most serious threat to the agreement, due to take effect on November 7.

Warship rethink

Washington – The United States Navy is to improve the safety design of its new warships after the devastating Iraqi missile attack on the frigate USS Stark in the Gulf last May (Mohsin Ali writes).

Additional fire-fighting equipment has also been sent to the American warships in the region, according to a report released yesterday on the May 17 incident.

Thirty-seven US sailors died when the ship was badly damaged by two Exocet missiles fired by an Iraqi F1 Mirage jet.

Madrid sacks general

Madrid – The Government summarily sacked the top general in Saragossa for publicly criticizing a new system of promotions, according to reports published here yesterday (Harry Debelius writes).

Brigadier-General Joaquin Segura was relieved of his posts, including that of military governor of Saragossa, within hours of making a speech in Barcelona on Wednesday at the ceremony marking the installation of a new military district commander for north-east Spain. General Segura told the audience that he thought he should have got the post himself.

Lefebvre in Rome

Econe (Reuter) – Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, whose dissident order has threatened the Roman Catholic Church with a schism, will fly to Rome today for talks with officials at the Vatican, his seminary in Switzerland said yesterday.

The traditionalist French archbishop, aged 81, who does not wish to give up his use of the old-style Latin Mass, was to leave his mountainside seminary here yesterday, but delayed the visit, a seminary spokeswoman said. No reason was given.

Briton is deported

Mbabane (Reuter) – Swaziland has deported a British clergyman convicted of sedition over a church magazine article considered to have insulted King Mswati.

Pastor Phil Dacre, of the Rhema Church, was taken to the South African border with his wife and two children on Tuesday afternoon, police said. He was fined 5,000 rands (£1,250) on Monday for an article attacking the Incwala ceremony, an annual royal ritual at which the king is expected to chose a bride from among a large number of young women.

Climate suits Kohl



Bonn – Chancellor Helmut Kohl, right, and West Germany's Social Democrat Opposition were in rare agreement yesterday when both saw positive developments in East-West German relations (John England writes).

The meeting of minds came in a four-hour parliamentary debate after Herr Kohl's annual speech on the state of the nation. He said the recent visit to West Germany by Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader, and the US-Soviet intention to dismantle their missiles in Europe was an expression of a favourable East-West climate to which his government had contributed.

He said the greatest success in the Government's *Deutschlandpolitik* was the marked increase in travel between the two Germanies. Five million East Germans are expected to visit West Germany this year. Herr Kohl also confirmed that he expected Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, to visit West Germany in the "not too distant future".

Aquino begins to woo Army

Malolos, Philippines (Reuter) – President Aquino, bidding for the Army's loyalty, began a tour of Philippine military bases yesterday, but only after troops had been stripped of their weapons by presidential guards. The President, who has survived five coup attempts from within the military, warned opponents against trying again.

About 100 paramilitary police and soldiers were ordered by Mrs Aquino's security guards to remove the magazines from their firearms, empty their holsters, and put pistols into safekeeping before she arrived at the Bulacan provincial command camp, the soldiers said.

"Normally I'm a very patient woman and I'm very kind. But when I'm hit the wrong way, people better watch out," she said.

"This goes for the people who are trying to put down the Government, whether from the extreme left or the extreme right."

President Aquino chose the tiny rundown command camp, in poor countryside north of Manila, to launch her campaign to win over the Army. The visit was the first to a military installation outside Manila since a coup attempt on August 28 almost toppled her Government. Troops from Bulacan were credited with stopping rebel reinforcements joining the mutinous soldiers in Manila.

The camp symbolized many of the criticisms made by rebel officers about the state of the Army. The concrete basketball court was cracked and unusable, and windows in the buildings were mostly broken.

Mounting suspense in the Unesco election race

From Susan MacDonald
Paris

The suspense in the political soap opera, which the election for a new director-general of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization has become, will last until the last voting round tonight – and undoubtedly beyond.

It would appear from the entrenched positions which have been obvious during voting rounds this week that President Kaunda of Zambia has not helped the African cause by "persuading" the present holder of the office, Mr Amadou Mahtar M'Bow, from Senegal, to stand for an unprecedented third term.

Mr M'Bow thought he could count on solid African and Arab backing, but it is clear this is not the case. In the four voting rounds to date, his total has fluctuated between 18 and 23, and on Wednesday night dropped to 21. An absolute majority of 26 was needed in the first four rounds.

Tonight's vote will be a run-off between Mr M'Bow and Señor Federico Mayor, the former Education Minister of Spain, whose share of votes has steadily risen from half-a-dozen to 19. Much will depend on the attitude of the Soviet bloc, Indonesia and France.

While African and Arab states are publicly taking Western backstage manoeuvres on voting intentions as a personal affront to the Third World, and Africa particularly, the position of the Soviet bloc and Indonesia is less clear. In public, they feel they must speak for the Third World – but privately, the Soviet bloc has been hinting it does not wish to see Mr M'Bow re-elected.

France has its own reasons for going against the general Western tide and supporting Mr M'Bow. Paris at first surprised many by publicly declaring its support for General Khan. When he dropped out, the French switched their allegiance to Mr M'Bow for reasons that have little to do with the salvation of Unesco.

Their strong links with Africa meant they could not let down Senegal. It has been necessary too for France to support a Third world Candidate in order that the Assistant Director-General, M. Michel de Bonnecorse – a Frenchman – might retain his position.

Six weeks of surgery for Siamese twins

From Ray Kennedy
Johannesburg

A long series of operations is to begin here next week to separate girl Siamese twins joined at the head. It could take between six weeks and two months to complete the surgery.

Neuro-surgeons at Baragwanath hospital in Soweto, the black township outside Johannesburg, are being advised on techniques by American doctors at the Johns Hopkins Children's Centre in Baltimore who successfully separated the West German twins, Patrick and Benjamin Binder, last month. They were also joined at the head, and the operation took 22 hours.

Professor Robert Lipschitz, head of neuro-surgery at Baragwanath, said the South African twins, Mpho (Sotho for gift) and Mphonyana (little gift) Mathiebela, now 10 months old, shared a main artery leading from the brain and the length of the junction was longer than it was with the Binder twins.

He said the operation would be done in stages. The first, next Thursday or Friday, would entail separation of the brains "and depending on what we find when we go in, we will slowly clamp down the arteries so that other veins take over". The second stage would take place a few weeks later when the situation would be re-examined and a decision taken whether to carry out a further operation.

"The moment of truth will only be known when we do the operation," said Professor Lipschitz. "This could take anything from four to 40 hours. Providing there are no complications, it should take between six weeks and two months to complete the operation." However, the chances of both twins surviving were not very great, Professor Lipschitz added. "I would hate to have to make the choice of retaining one of the twins, but the possibility is there," he said.

The girls, who jointly weigh 29.7 lb, are progressing well and Mphonyana has grown her first tooth.

Their mother, Miss Sophie Methilela, a 33-year-old domestic worker earning 150 rands (£46) a month, said yesterday she was horrified when she was told she had given birth to two girls "who did not look like other children." Miss Methilela, who has two other children aged 14 and 10, said that for three days she refused to see the twins but once she was persuaded to make contact she immediately accepted and loved "my little gifts from God".

Professor Lipschitz said she had accepted the possibility of only one twin surviving but "we are going to give both an equal chance." He added the costs of the operation "have been taken care of". So far it had cost Miss Methilela four rands.

Medical sources here said yesterday there have been only 24 recorded cases of Siamese twins joined by the head, three of them in South Africa.

● BALTIMORE: The West German Siamese twin boys separated in a 22-hour operation five weeks ago could be breathing on their own by the weekend, their doctor said yesterday (Reuter reports).

Dr Mark Rogers, chief of Paediatric Intensive Care, overseeing their recovery at Johns Hopkins Hospital, said the assessment was the most optimistic since eight-month-old Patrick and Benjamin Binder were separated on September 6.

However, the twins, who were born in Ulm, West Germany, remain semi-comatose and Dr Rogers said the specialists involved in the case could not guarantee that they would fully recover.

Both boys suffered a partial collapse of a lung three weeks ago, forcing doctors to attach them to mechanical breathing devices.

Their breathing has since improved and Dr Rogers said it was likely Patrick will be breathing on his own by Friday and Benjamin by the weekend.

They were born joined at the back of the head with fused scalps and skulls. Their brains were separate.

Fear and misery haunt besieged Jaffna

From Michael Hamlyn
Colombo

With no electricity for five days, the sanitation system broken down, no water, no way of distributing food even if it was available, and with the heart of the town being mortared from Indian Army positions in the old Dutch fort, the 150,000 people still left in Jaffna are leading a life of misery, fear and danger.

Many, no one knows how many, have died in the shelling. Many more have been wounded and cannot be treated in the town's hospitals because medical supplies have run out. The Indians say that they have urged the population to leave, but that the guerrilla fighters of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) are preventing them from going.

Many of the people, the Indian High Commission said last night, are spending the nights in the temples and colleges that were designated as places of safety by the Indian forces when they began the assault on the town. They are going home during the day to salvage what food they can and to protect their property as best they can.

"The civil authorities say they have enough food," an Indian official said, "but distribution is a problem. The shops are not open and no lorry driver is willing to drive into the town, for fear of landmines." The official made the point that the Indians, battling their way into the town against stiff opposition, are fighting only on four well-defined axes and that other roads are not blocked by them.

"There is," the official admitted, "considerable civilian dislocation and hardship, despite our best efforts.

"That is why we have urged the LTTE not to hold the Tamil population hostage, and surrender their arms." The Indian High Commission said that it had received reports from Jaffna hospitals that they had run out of oxygen cylinders and bandages. But a Tamil spokesman in Colombo, quoting reports that he had received from Jaffna itself, said that the principal hospital had been almost completely abandoned and had virtually ceased to function.

"Conditions are very bad," he said. "There is an acute shortage of food, water and medicines." The Jaffna people say that their electricity was cut off at the start of the fighting as a result of a deliberate decision by the authorities, either Sri Lankan or Indian, to deny the LTTE supply for their weapons.

The Indians also said last night that they would not air-drop supplies into the town, "because there is no guarantee that it would go to the people it was intended for".

"There is a complete state of chaos in the town," the former Tamil MP, Dr Neelan Tiruchelvam, said last night in Colombo. "The fighting continues to be very severe. The authorities are not at all prepared for the job of distribution of supplies – there is no machinery for it.

"The horrendous shortage of medical assistance for these people means that there will be major public health hazards."

Yesterday the chairman of the Jaffna Red Cross, Mr S. Balasabramaniam, appealed through the BBC for civilians to be spared the effects of the fighting. He called for food and supplies of medicine to be sent in urgently.

Saying that heavy shelling had caused many civilian casualties, he noted that the Indian forces appeared to be blocked on the outskirts of the town.

The Indians last night described mortar shelling being carried out from the fort. "There is intermittent fighting there," the High Commission official said. "We are using mortar fire to neutralize firing at the fort" from entrenched LTTE positions.



A mother and daughter sheltering yesterday at a refugee camp in Colombo housing 700 Sinhalese fleeing from Tamils.

Indians dig in around town

From Our Own Correspondent, Colombo

Having broken through the outer defences of the town of Jaffna by crossing the lagoon from Navatkuli on the east, the Indian forces spent yesterday consolidating their positions.

There was no further forward movement and the troops are now at a junction less than a mile from the municipal limit of the town proper. They are approximately the same distance again from the largest temple complex in the area at Nallur, where thousands of refugees are sheltering.

The Indians have described meeting stiff resistance and being involved in house to house clearing of guerrilla strongholds.



There was no further forward movement on the north-eastern axis into the town from Palay to Urumpirai. Western diplomats observed yesterday that the Indian forces had been badly mauled in this area when they landed helicopter-borne commandos in an area which was not safe, a tactical error which cost many casualties.

There was some further forward movement, however, on the Kankesanturai to Chunnakam axis, and the Indian forces have now moved south to Maruthanamadam, bringing the advancing force roughly level with the force stalled at Urumpirai, further east along the road from Manipai to Kopai North.

The Indians exploded an arms dump and ammunition depot south of the crossroads, and during this action three guerrillas of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam were killed.

An official of the Indian High Commission in Colombo last night said field guns had been used at Chunnakam firing directly into guerrilla bunkers.

Troops inside the fort on the south-west corner of the town have been fighting intermittently, the official said, but have not moved any further forward into the built-up area around it.

The 'dirty tricks' scandal

More questions than answers in Barschel's death

From Richard Owen, Bonn

The central image in the death of Herr Uwe Barschel, the former Prime Minister of Schleswig-Holstein, is sharply in focus: the body lying almost fully clothed in the bath of Room 317 at Geneva's elegant Beau Rivage Hotel.

Stern magazine and West German newspapers yesterday carried a photograph showing Herr Barschel, his head resting on a towel, a hand lying across his neatly knotted but loosened tie, in the bath water.

A shoe lies on the rumpled bathmat, the other in the nearby bedroom. The sign on the door reads: "Do Not Disturb".

But almost everything else about this murky affair remains unclear, five days after Herr Barschel was found by a *Stern* reporter.

The final cause of death and the truth behind the political scandal which put Herr Barschel's future in doubt and which may have led to his death must still be established.

Three men have crucial roles in the affair. The first is "Robert Rohloff", the informant whom Herr Barschel met in Geneva on Saturday in an effort to clear his name over allegations that he had authorized a "dirty tricks" campaign to undermine Herr Björn Engholm, the Social Democratic leader in Schleswig-Holstein.

The second is Herr Klaus Nilius, Herr Engholm's press officer; and the third is Herr Reiner Pfeiffer, Herr Barschel's press officer, and the man who revealed the "dirty tricks" allegations on the eve of the critical election in Schleswig-Holstein on September 13.

A second post-mortem examination in Geneva has not cleared up the mystery. The revelation that five kinds of sleeping pill and tranquillizer were found in the body appears to point to suicide.

The assumption is that Herr Barschel, cracking up under the strain of the scandal, felt unable to face the parliamentary inquiry into the smear campaign which was to have opened in Kiel on Monday. But the Geneva police are refusing to give an official cause of death, originally said to be a heart attack.

They say no pill bottles were found and are still looking for a bottle of Beaujolais ordered by Room 317 on Saturday. Herr Barschel's brother and widow still insist he may have been murdered, and want a further post-mortem examination when the body is flown to West Germany.

Police most want to talk to the man known as Rohloff. Herr Barschel, who had taken a break in the Canary Islands before facing the Kiel inquiry, had told his anxious wife: "I shall meet him at Geneva airport; he cannot shoot me there."

West German police have given their Swiss counterparts a photograph taken at the airport of the man they think is Rohloff.

A Geneva taxi driver told a local paper that he took Herr Barschel from the hotel and to the railway station, where he had met two men. Herr Barschel did not sleep at the hotel that night or breakfast at the hotel. Yet by 11 am on Sunday he was dead.

There are suggestions that Herr Barschel may have had links with the international arms trade in Kiel and hence with the Iran-Contra affair. Kiel, a busy port, is a centre for arms and smuggling in northern Europe. He stayed in the villa of Mr Adnan Khashoggi, the Saudi arms millionaire, while on holiday in the Canary Islands.

As *Die Zeit* observed yesterday, the Barschel affair is a tragedy without precedent in West German history and is a result of the brutal election campaign in Schleswig-Holstein.

In West Germany, local government is more powerful than in Britain. In Schleswig-Holstein Herr Barschel and Herr Engholm were struggling for power in a region which had been in Christian Democrat hands for 37 years. The Social Democrats (SPD) claimed that the local CDU was corrupt. The key figure taken on to ensure a CDU victory was Herr Pfeiffer.

Herr Barschel denied that he knew what Herr Pfeiffer was up to, but his "dirty tricks" against the SPD, spreading it about that Herr Engholm had a scandalous sex life and was evading taxes, was entirely consonant with Herr Pfeiffer's earlier career in Bremen, where he ran a CDU newspaper specializing in scandal about the SPD.

Herr Nilius, the SPD press officer, is said to have known what Herr Pfeiffer was up to. One theory is that Herr Engholm was aware of the smear campaign and that it was meant to rebound on Herr Barschel.

Chancellor Kohl, whose only reaction so far has been to say that Herr Barschel's death "strikes one dumb", is also under pressure to make a statement.

There are still unanswered questions: could some untraceable poison of the kind used by the KGB be the real cause of death, and if so who could have supplied it? If Herr Barschel took the pills voluntarily was the mystery rendezvous designed to give the impression of murder rather than suicide – and if so, why?

Herr Pfeiffer is due to give evidence in Kiel next week to what should have been an inquiry into election dirty tricks and is now becoming an inquiry into a much bigger, even dirtier, business.



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Moynihan tells Soviet TV viewers of 'rights hell'

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Millions of Soviet television viewers were treated yesterday to the unprecedented sight of a US politician informing them that they lived in a "human rights hell" where restrictions on emigration and freedom of the press were worse than those imposed under the tsars.

Senator Daniel Moynihan, a Democrat and for years an outspoken critic of the Kremlin's human rights record, launched his damning diatribe during a two-hour satellite link between politicians in Moscow and Washington that was broadcast live and unedited in both capitals simultaneously.

An invited audience of deputies to the Supreme Soviet, Moscow's rubberstamp parliament, laughed nervously in the Kremlin studio as Mr Moynihan described their political system as a one-party dictatorship and went on to demand: "Can you not escape from the iron clutches of the Kremlin?"

At this point, the chief Soviet participant, Mr Vadim Zagladin, a close confidant on foreign policy matters of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, intervened from the Moscow end to demand whether the US senator was using the programme to call for "an uprising" against the legitimate Government of the Soviet Union.

The heated exchange was the highlight of what was by common consent the most controversial programme ever shown by Soviet state television. It was first broadcast in Moscow at 6.30 a m and Washington at 11.30 p m, in place of the normal ABC *Nightline* programme, and later repeated throughout the Soviet Union immediately after the main evening news.

For the first time, Soviet viewers were shown psychiatric hospitals where they were told that 100 prisoners were incarcerated because of their political views. They saw KGB men roughing up Jewish demonstrators in Moscow and secret KGB film of the dissident physicist, Dr Andrei Sakharov, taken when he was in exile and given to the West.

Senator Moynihan, who quickly emerged as the star of the show, also informed his Soviet audience – estimated at about 150 million – that they would all "feel better" if the state allowed Baptists and other persecuted religious minorities in the Soviet Union freedom of worship.

As widely different estimates of the number of would-be emigrants were thrown from side to side (Soviet estimates in hundreds and Western ones in hundreds of thousands), Mr Peter Jennings, the smooth ABC anchorman, turned to the Kremlin officials and asked: "Why don't you let people go who want to?"

The Soviet spokesmen hit back at the US on subjects such as homelessness and unemployment.

The programme, the second of three such debates entitled *Capital to Capital*, showed the yawning gap between each superpower's perception of the human rights record of the other. One of the few points of agreement was that both countries suffered from drink and drug problems.

Mr Zagladin disclosed that the Kremlin was now reviewing two of the most notorious articles in its criminal code, used frequently in the past to send dissidents to jail or labour camp on charges of anti-Soviet agitation or defamation of the Soviet state. He said one, Article 190 (1), might be scrapped.

The Kremlin's trump card was played when the Americans screened a photograph of a Soviet Jewish couple, Mr and Mrs Natan, whom they claimed had been refused permission over many years to leave Moscow to join relatives abroad. Looking nonchalant, Mr Zagladin dismissed the story as out of date, revealing that the couple had already been given official permission to go.

Ms Betsy West, the ABC executive in charge of the link, later told *The Times* that information that the couple's case would be featured had been released to the Soviet side two days previously. This gave the Kremlin 48 clear hours in which to ensure that its change of heart received maximum exposure.

Freed Jew attacks Kremlin gimmick

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Miss Ida Nudel, the "guardian angel" of Soviet Jewry refusniks, was flying to Israel yesterday on board an American millionaire's jet to a heroine's welcome from thousands, including politicians, religious leaders and a carefully chosen cross-section of Israeli society.

Her 16-year struggle for an exit visa from the Soviet Union was supported by world figures as diverse as Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Jane Fonda, the US actress. Mrs Chaike Grossman, a Knesset member, said: "Ida is more than a mere person. She is an institution and a concept."

Her surprise release, however, has left Israel's politicians divided and puzzled as to what it means, while Soviet Jewry activists are worried that the freeing of the best-known remaining refuseniks simply means that Moscow is seeking a public relations triumph which will leave forgotten the 400,000 others claimed to want exit visas.

Other well-known refuseniks being allowed out later this month include Mr Vladimir Slepak, whose 17-year wait is the longest of all, Colonel Lev Ovsischer, a Second World War pilot credited with shooting down 11 German aircraft, and Mr Sergei Diachkov, the composer and pianist.

Miss Nudel, aged 56, feels her release is a gimmick. In a telephone interview from Moscow, she said: "In ancient times the Pharoahs used to please the chiefs of neighbouring countries with very exotic things like a white crocodile. I feel that I am like a white crocodile. I was used to please President Reagan and Mr George Shultz before a meeting of the superpowers."

She said she believed Soviet Jews were being used as "tools or goods" to establish a new international image and to achieve certain international goals – very much the view of Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister.

Bid to rescue child in well



Rescuers in Midland, Texas, listening at the mouth of an abandoned well for sounds from Jessica McClure, aged 18 months, who was trapped 20 feet down after falling in.

Rescue workers were yesterday drilling through rock in a bid to reach the crying toddler (AP reports). A police spokesman said: "The emergency doctor at the scene last night said the baby can last as long as 36 hours. We hope it doesn't take that long."

The child had been inside the well since Wednesday. Rescue workers could not predict when they would reach her and yesterday morning they reported that eight inches of rock still separated them from her.

"It is solid rock right now. It is pretty slow going," said Dr David Felice. He said the girl was getting adequate oxygen and was believed to be on her back in a fairly comfortable position.

At dawn yesterday, rescue workers said the girl was awake and crying.

Riot police storm Peruvian bank

Lima (Reuter) – Hundreds of riot police surrounded Peru's biggest private bank and smashed down its doors with an armoured truck to enforce a new bank nationalization law, witnesses said.

Riot police, some firing tear gas to disperse protesters, ringed the Banco de Credito as economy ministry administrators moved in.

Fugitives held

Tunis (Reuter) – Two fugitive leaders of an Islamic fundamentalist group have been arrested, including one condemned to death.

Lucky strike

Manila (AFP) – A prospector knocked out by a landslide at a mining site in the Philippines woke up to find a gold-laden rock worth £3,500 by his side.

'Aide' ban

Oklahoma (AFP) – The school district of Norman has dropped the word "aide" from job titles and replaced it with "assistant" to avoid any possible confusion with the disease Aids.

Lover's bomb

Hong Kong (Reuter) – A man jilted by his bus conductor girlfriend set off a bomb on her tourist bus in south China, killing them both.

Raid killings

Agartala, India (Reuter) – Tribal guerrillas autonomy shot and hacked 16 people to death in two separate raids in Tripura state.

Children die

Wisconsin (Reuter) – Six children aged between one and 17 died in a house fire apparently started by an electric heater.

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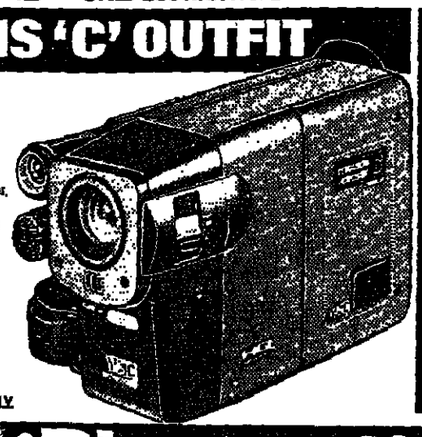


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Experts fall out over breathing life into a dome

Italy, which boasts some of the world's most extraordinary art treasures, is increasingly at odds about how to preserve its Renaissance heritage. Roger Boyes reports from Florence in the first of two articles on fierce rows that pit technicians against aesthetes, and politicians against everybody else.

The cupola of Florence's cathedral resembles an orange sliced in half, waiting to be crushed into juice. It is a huge, magnificent, 15th-century construction by the architect, Filippo Brunelleschi.

However, the cupola is proving to be too heavy. More than 1,500 cracks have developed, spreading upwards like laddered stockings. Sooner or later something will collapse.

How can the damage be stopped before it is too late? A stormy argument has broken out as the various engineers, architects, art historians, conservationists and bureaucrats fight for the ear of the Minister of Culture, Signor Carlo Vizzini.

The minister is a Sicilian tax lawyer, a combination that demands very special talents. Whether he will be able to sort out the muddle in Florence remains to be seen.

To be born "under the shadow of the cupola" is a mark of the true Florentine, just as Cockneys are supposed to hear Bow bells soon after entering the world.

The true Florentine, unlike the true Cockney, later becomes an arch-conspirator, either plotting for power (like Machiavelli) or feuding within the family (the latest case being the Guccis, the princes of the leather trade). The cupola is a fine focus for these political skills.

At the beginning of the 15th century, the construction of Florence cathedral – so vast that it cannot be seen in its entirety from the cathedral square – ran into trouble when the builders realized that it was virtually impossible to design a cupola big enough.

Brunelleschi won the competition to build the cupola, but even with his segmented-orange design there was the problem of how the walls would support it. Certainly the Florentines were rather nervous about Brunelleschi's plans to build the cupola – 140 ft in diameter – without buttresses.

Fifty years before, the cupola of Hagia Sophia in Constantinople – built with Italian advice – had collapsed. Brunelleschi, the first real engineering consultant of modern times, created a system of flying centrings.

The vault was given a double wall – one climbs between them now to reach the top of the cathedral – reinforced by stone chains. It took 14 years to raise the cupola, which topped the cathedral only in 1436.

But after five centuries the engineering feat is looking distinctly unsteady. Recently when art historians wanted to restore the cupola frescoes by Giorgio Vasari, they installed a steel frame for the craftsmen. "No," say members of the restoration committee, including some top architects. "The work, or rather the scaffolding, will upset the delicate breathing mechanism of the dome."

The cracks expand in winter and shrink, almost completely, in summer as the building adapts (or breathes) in response to the temperature. Some experts claim the restoration work on the inside would aggravate the cracks on the outside of the cupola.

"Nonsense," according to a hard-nosed group of technicians – including the building superintendent, Signor Angiolo Calvani – in an open letter this month to the Culture Minister in which they urge him to "let work proceed".

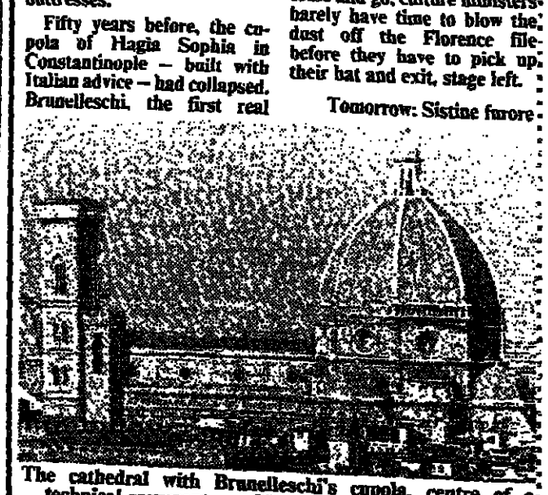
Ultimately, the Minister has to decide. Other long-term threats to the cupola – air pollution, acid rain, supersonic military aircraft from the nearby Livorno base, and vibrations from traffic – are fundamentally political problems.

But as Italian governments come and go, culture ministers barely have time to blow the dust off the Florence file before they have to pick up their hat and exit, stage left.

Tomorrow: Sistine furore

At war over Italy's past

Part 1: Florence



The cathedral with Brunelleschi's cupola, centre of a technical argument engulfing the Minister of Culture.

Ganilau may become Fiji President by weekend

From Gavin Bell, Suva

Fiji's military ruler expects Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, the Governor-General, to resign by the weekend and to be nominated as first President of the new republic.

Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka, the head of the interim military Government, told a press conference yesterday he also anticipated that a new constitution would be completed within a month.

He said that Ratu Ganilau had telephoned him on Wednesday night, after receiving a call from Sir William Heseltine, the Queen's private secretary.

Colonel Rabuka said: "I think the point he wanted me to understand was that he had to make a firm stand fairly soon and that the private secretary, and perhaps Her Majesty, were expecting a response from him within the next 48 hours.

"I expressed the wish that he co-operate with the regime, in the sense that he either asks Her Majesty to release him by revoking his commission or accepting his resignation."

Colonel Rabuka said he was optimistic that the issue would be resolved within 24 hours. Asked what the outcome would be, he said: "It will probably be the end of his claiming that links (with the Crown) remain."

Should Ratu Ganilau step down, the next steps would be to implement the new Constitution and to convene the Great Council of Chiefs for them to nominate a President. "I expect him (Ratu Ganilau) to be the nominee. Whether he accepts or not is another matter."

He said he envisaged a "constructive" role for Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, who was Prime Minister from independence in 1970 until April this year. Ratu Mara might return to his former office, "if he will accept".

The essence of Colonel Rabuka's remarks was that he is prepared to go along with Commonwealth demands for a return to democracy — but only after the Constitution has been revised to prevent the majority ethnic Indian community from gaining political power over the indigenous Melanesian population.

He has already said he hopes to call a general election in a year's time.

Colonel Rabuka appears to be gaining in confidence as he strives to fulfil his self-appointed task. In contrast with the vacillation which followed his first coup in April, he now portrays an image of resolve.

He wanted Fiji to remain in the Commonwealth, but it could not afford "fickle friends who use us and discard us when it suits them".

The Commonwealth had nothing to gain by expelling Fiji. "All it will achieve is that it will antagonize very loyal supporters who have served the Commonwealth with total dedication in war and in peace ..."

He argued that no voice was raised against Zimbabwe, where the whites had lost their separate parliamentary seats, and it was accepted that the indigenous people must have political dominance.

Fiji welcomed Mrs Thatcher's "common sense" approach, and appreciated her efforts to keep the country in the Commonwealth.

He said: "The Commonwealth should leave us be, and decide on our worthiness for continued membership after we have reached a constitutional settlement.

"To prejudge us, and to condemn us to inflict injury on our people, is contrary to the spirit and values of the Commonwealth."

If Fiji were expelled, it would have to seek new allies and markets. "If these relationships bear fruit and come to our rescue in our hour of need, then we may very well forget the Commonwealth and not worry about rejoining."

He believed the United States would reflect very carefully on its policy in the Pacific before rejecting his regime.

On domestic issues, the colonel said the Indian community would not be victimized. He had less encouraging news for local newspapers, which have been banned from publishing since his second coup last month. They had betrayed his trust by encouraging distorted and unfair criticism of the security forces, and by failing to understand the aspirations of the Fijian people, he said.

Rabuka dismisses all the top judges

From Our Own Correspondent, Suva

Fiji faces the prospect of an indefinite period without an independent judiciary, after a decision to dismiss all its Supreme Court judges and most of its magistrates for refusing to swear allegiance to the new military regime.

Mr Keledi Bulewa, the Attorney-General, asked the Chief Justice and the Chief Magistrate on Wednesday to remain in office under oath to the interim military Government. When they refused, he informed them that their services were no longer required.

Sir Timoci Tuivaga, the Chief Justice, was asked to vacate his chambers by Monday, and Mr Howard Morrison, the Chief Magistrate, must leave by today. Both have been given until the end of the month to move out of their subsidized residences.

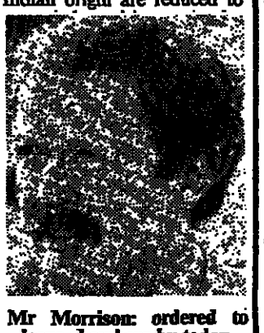
As Sir Timoci cleared out his office, he said: "We have to take this stand. We can no longer work under the present system, because our oaths of office and allegiance are in conflict with their oaths."

The move affects all eight Supreme Court judges in Fiji, and almost all of the 13 magistrates.

Mr Morrison said: "The effect on the judicial system here, I think, is going to be disastrous and it will take a lot of hard work to restore any workable system."

He believed Mr Bulewa would try to maintain the Commonwealth tradition of an open and liberal judiciary, but whether he would be able to do so was another matter.

"My main worry," he added, "is that the Fijians of Indian origin are reduced to second-class citizens. An independent magistracy has been the first mechanism for preventing that."



Mr Morrison: ordered to leave chambers by today.

The military ruler, Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka, said yesterday that he had formed a committee to recommend new judges, but gave no indication how long that process might take.

Nuclear triumph turns into disaster for Brazil

From Mac Margolis
Rio de Janeiro

Just last month, on the eve of national independence day, Brazil announced that it had joined the elite club of nations that has mastered technology for enriching uranium.

President José Sarney hailed the achievement as "a decisive step on the road to scientific and technological autonomy".

But Brazil's coming of age in the atomic era was not quite complete, not until last week. Again there were banner headlines. This time, however, the news was not of triumph but of tragedy.

The robbery late last month of a dusty piece of hospital equipment from an abandoned radiology clinic became Brazil's first nuclear disaster. By last weekend 19 people had been taken to hospital and another 26 isolated in a decontamination clinic with poisoning by caesium 137, a highly radioactive material. At least six were in intensive-care units in Rio de Janeiro, and doctors say that they have only the slimmest chance of survival. Those who live face almost certain cancer or sterility.

Wearing a protective gown, gloves and a surgical mask, President Sarney visited victims in a Goiânia hospital on Wednesday. The condition of several patients had worsened.

Dr Gerald Hansen, of the World Health Organization, one of five foreign specialists summoned by Brasilia, has called it the worst accident in the Western hemisphere, second only to Chernobyl. Senhor Rex Nazare Alves, president of Brazil's national commission on nuclear energy, said that it was worse even than Chernobyl.

The incident began late last month at an abandoned medical laboratory in Goiânia. Two junk collectors forced open a padlocked metal door in the clinic and unwittingly proceeded to take apart a radiation therapy device.



Children at a sports stadium in the centre of Goiânia being screened for radioactivity after last month's removal of caesium 137 from a disused clinic.

They removed a heavy cylindrical object, which they took to be lead, and sold it to a nearby junkyard. There Senhor Devair Alves de Oliveira, the yard's manager, took a hammer to the cylinder which emmitted an eerie, blueish light from narrow slits. Inside lay a capsule containing a powdery blueish substance which stuck to the skin and glowed.

It was caesium 137, a radioactive isotope used in cancer therapy. Caesium 137 gives off gamma rays that, used judiciously, destroy cancerous tissue. In massive doses, it is deadly, causing leukaemia, haemmorhaging, sterility and cataracts.

Senhor Alves knew only that the blueish dust was "shiny and pretty" and proceeded to distribute bits of it as a present to the neighbours. Almost instantly, those who had touched it grew nauseated and feverish.

From the first, the nuclear commission repeated that the accident was "under control". Luckily the radioactive source was a solid, far easier to contain than Chernobyl's deadly gases. By the weekend, inspectors had confirmed — and reportedly controlled — 14 different contaminated sites, scattered over a 120-mile area.

When the news of the disaster first broke in Goiânia, a placid regional capital of a million people in central Brazil, panic raged through the city. The nearly three dozen families evacuated from several streets quickly became pariahs.

The accident caught Brazil off guard and under-equipped. Only two days after the first victims were taken to hospital did the national commission on nuclear energy respond, sending two dozen doctors and technicians from Rio.

When the specialists arrived, there was not at first enough protective clothing. Doctors had to file emergency requests for importation of material to neutralize internal radiation.

"The accident demonstrates how precarious our conditions are and how unprepared the system is," said Senhor Luis Pinguelli Rosa, a nuclear physicist and head of the Association of Brazilian Physicists. "Brazil has been too interested in development of nuclear energy and forgotten about nuclear safety."

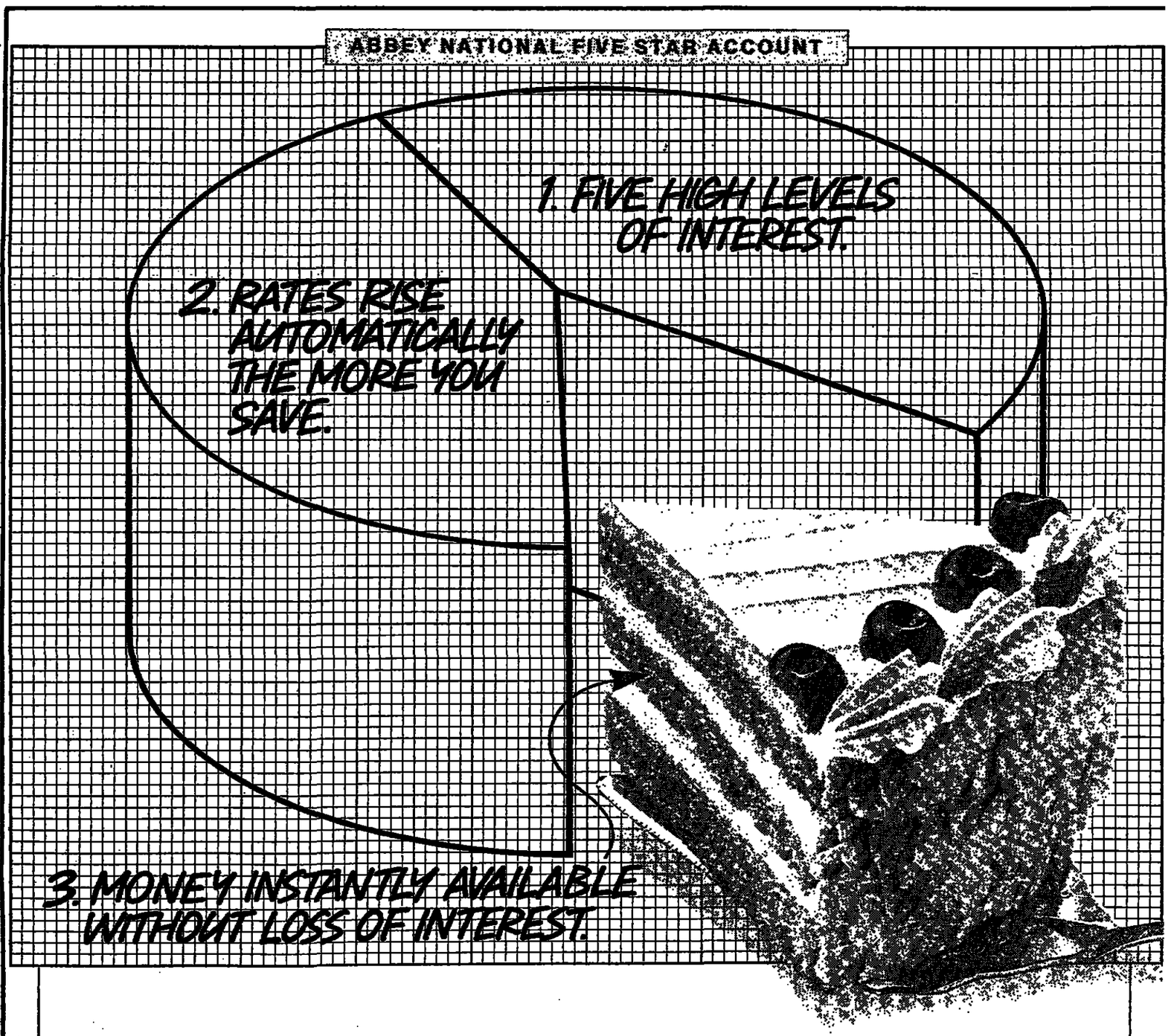
As with Chernobyl, part of the blame is put down to red tape and incompetent inspection procedures.

The radiation clinic had actually been shut down over two years ago, but doctors had been unable to remove the radiation machine due to legal complications. The nuclear energy commission's licensing arrangements have been severely criticized.

But looming over the Goiânia débâcle is another worry: the safety of Brazil's nuclear power plants.

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Diamond on the rocks

The boy from Queens had just one ambition – to be rich, very rich. He succeeded, but it earned him a jail sentence. Douglas Frantz charts the rise and dramatic downfall of an insider dealer

On May 26, 1980, Dennis Levine, aged 27, arrived in Nassau, the Bahamas, carrying only an overnight bag. He was dressed in blue jeans and a straw hat, he was overweight and he wore glasses. He slid into the back seat of a taxi and asked for the business district.

The following day, Levine sat in the unassuming offices of the Bank Leu International, an offshoot of Switzerland's oldest private bank. He told the manager, Jean-Pierre Fraysse, that he was an investment banker from the United States, that he intended to trade actively on the US stock markets and that he would require fast and efficient service. Discretion, he told the manager, was to be of the utmost importance.

Fraysse, whose brief was to expand his bank's business in a country where the banking climate was as benign as the meteorological one, realized that Levine was exactly the kind of customer he was looking for. Levine, who had visited every Swiss bank in Nassau, realized that Bank Leu was exactly the kind of bank he was looking for.

So Levine opened an account. It was not in his name, but was called simply: Diamond. He refused to give the bank even a telephone number where he could be reached, saying that any calls would be made by him and he would identify himself only as "Mr Diamond".

His first deposit was of $128,000. A few days later, Bank Leu received a call from Levine with an order to buy 1,500 shares in Dart Industries. Next, Levine told the bank to sell – Dart's price had risen on news of a merger between Kraft and Dart. It was a classic, if modest, piece of insider trading. Profit to Mr Diamond: $4,093.

On the evening of May 12, 1986, almost six years after his Bahamian excursion, Levine was due at a charity function at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York. Instead, he found himself with a more pressing engagement: to collect a subpoena at the US Attorney's office in Lower Manhattan. Upon arrival, he was handcuffed and charged with obstruction of justice, securities violations and tax fraud.

After five years of digging behind codenames like Diamond and Moby Dick, of nicknames like Mr Piggy and King Rat, of wired-for-sound moles, of shopping bags crammed with $100 bills carried into Nassau by Levine, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) had nailed the man at the heart of the biggest insider trading ring in Wall Street history. So big that on the day of Levine's arrest, the Diamond account contained $10.5 million.

The rise of Dennis Levine began in a red-brick bungalow in the Bayside area of Queens, not one of New York's most prepossessing districts. But Bayside was a stable neighbourhood, settled by immigrants in the 1940s, and by the time Levine was born in 1952 his father, Phillip, was a successful salesman who was later to open a business selling do-it-yourself equipment.

In his teenage years Dennis Levine strayed into mischief-making, ran with a gang which was a touch bold for the Bayside blood and earned the nickname "Dennis the Menace". Classmates at Bayside High School recall him as a follower rather than a leader, a "kid with a dirty mouth" who boasted about his prowess with girls. In 1970, when four out of five Bayside students went to college, Dennis did not; he drifted for two years, cruised on a motorcycle, occassionally helped in his father's business and even less frequently attended a community college.

Then, in the autumn of 1972, Levine surprised his family by enrolling at the free-tuition Bernard Baruch college, which specialized in accounting and business management and which had long been a classic launch-pad for the sons of working class families with little more going for them than a passion to succeed. Levine, to the astonishment of everyone, applied himself to his studies with a missionary zeal.

He lived at home to save money, rode to college on his motorcycle or on the Long Island railway, wore a suit and tie in an era of jeans and long hair. He stood out. His force of personality and his articulacy impressed his lecturers, none more so than Jack Francis, an economics and finance professor at the college and a key formative influence on Levine. They seem to have had a meeting of minds. Francis understood Levine's desire to make money; they talked about it often and long, as, for example, in this exchange in Francis's office:

Francis: "Greed is a nice religion. If you are really greedy, you are going to keep your shoes polished, you won't run around on your wife or get drunk. You will do whatever it takes to maximize your lifetime income, and that doesn't leave time for any messing around."

Levine: "I only want to make money."

He loved to hear Francis talk about his outside consultancy work, arranging business deals, advising on mergers – and collecting handsome fees. And, in Levine's final year, Francis allowed him to work as a kind of financial shuttle diplomat on the takeover of a furniture company.

Levine's ability to negotiate impressed Francis, and for Levine it was a glimpse of a real world – one he was determined to enter. He graduated with a master's degree in business administration (MBA) in June 1976 but it took him nine months to get a job, handicapped by his non-Ivy League degree and also, as Francis told him bluntly, by his early choice of pinch-waisted Italian suits for interviews: "Dennis, it looks like a suit a pimp would wear".

Eventually, dressed in more suitably sombre pinstripes, Levine signed up with Citicorp as a management trainee in the banking house's corporate foreign exchange department. In 1978 he moved to Smith Barney, Harris, Upham & Co., a brokerage and investment house.

It was at Smith Barney that he began his illegal dealing, but the making and the unmaking of Levine was to come when he moved to Drexel, the celebrated investment firm, where he met Ivan Boesky, the richest and most influential risk-taker in the business. In seven years, Boesky had turned a $700,000 inheritance into a $200-million fortune.

Levine had a formal, secret and two-tier arrangement with Boesky, whom he nicknamed "the Russian". Levine would pass information about a company to Boesky and, if Boesky did not already hold stock in the company, Levine would take a commission equal to 5 per cent of Boesky's profit. If Boesky already owned stock, but bought more as a result of Levine's inside information, the commission would be less.

In the end, the one did for the other. Levine, faced with evidence and the prospect of a long jail term, gave the SEC information about others in the trading ring, including Boesky, who in turn let the SEC monitor his phone calls – thus earning his King Rat and Mr Piggy nicknames.

Levine, who made a net profit of $11,558,596 on deals involving 114 stocks between 1980 and 1985, was jailed for two years and had to hand over the $10.5 million in the Nassau account. The court took away his Ferrari, but let him keep his BMW and his $1 million apartment.

Boesky is still plea-bargaining, notably over what he may be prepared to tell the British authorities about dealings in Guinness shares.

The final twist is that one secret deal Boesky made with the SEC allowed him to sell $440 million-worth of stock before the announcement of his "co-operation", a sale which caused the stock market to plummet.

On Wall Street, they are calling that the biggest insider deal of them all.

Adapted from Mr Diamond, *by Douglas Frantz, to be published by Bloomsbury on Oct 29 (£13.95).*

Wall Street insider dealer jailed

From A Correspondent, New York

Dennis Levine was sentenced to two years jail and fined over $350,000 (£232,000) by a Federal Judge yesterday for his part in the insider trading scandal that has rocked Wall Street.

The sentence was described as lenient by sources close to the case because of Levine's cooperation with prosecutors. He faced four felony counts each carrying possible five-year sentences and $610,000 fines.

Levine was ordered to pay $12.6 million (£8.4 million) from insider deals by illegally trading on non-public information.

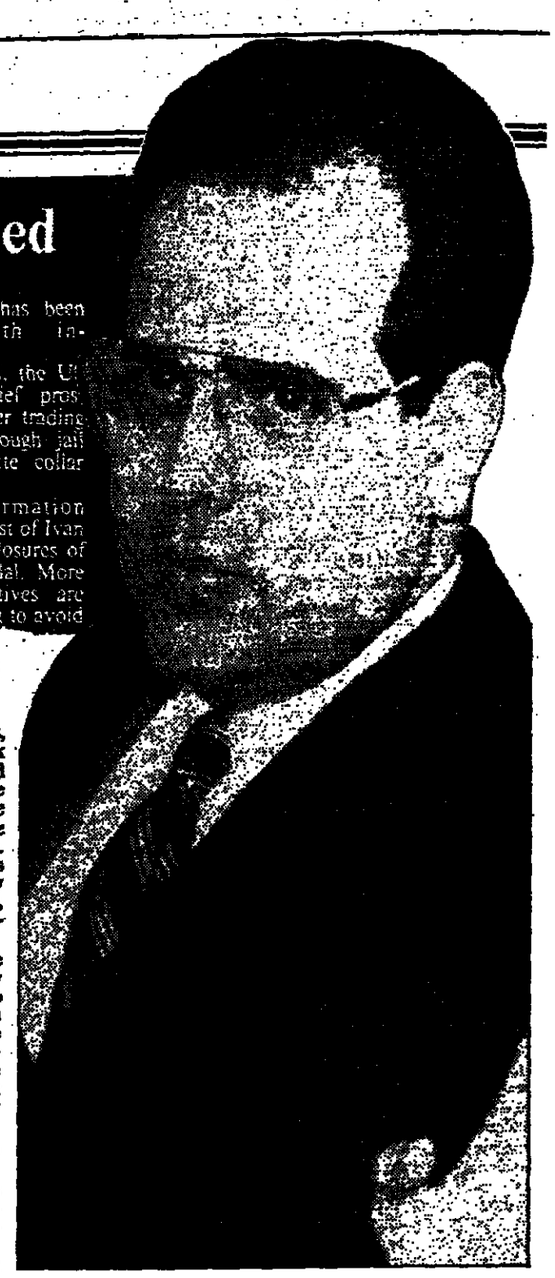
The decision was watched closely by Mr Jed Rakoff, the lawyer for Martin Siegel, the former Kidder Peabody and Drexel merger specialist, who was arrested earlier this month.

"We wanted to see how the court would balance culpability versus cooperation," said Mr Rakoff. Seigel pleaded February 13 and has been cooperating with investigations.

Rudolph Giuliani, the US Attorney and chief prosecutor in the insider trading cases, is seeking tough jail terms for the white collar criminals.

Levine's information helped with the arrest of Ivan Boesky and in disclosures of the Guinness scandal. More Wall Street executives are believed to be trying to avoid

Downing of a man called "Diamond": Dennis Levine, trapped at the centre of Wall Street's biggest insider dealing ring, and the court story of his amazing profits – and imprisonment





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On a bike and a bus in Tiger country

When there's no way out from the war zone, the reporter must rely on resourcefulness

The Indian instruction to the Sri Lankan government not to fly journalists to observe the fighting against the guerrillas came as something of a blow to the self-esteem of the Sri Lankans.

It also came rather awkwardly for this reporter, the only western correspondent anywhere near what might have been called the action, and who, though curfew-bound, had wobbled on a borrowed bicycle through the deserted streets of Batticaloa to see what he could see.

A lonely ride out to the bungalow of the nervous district police superintendent failed to get me a curfew pass. He had a right to be agitated – his boss and immediate predecessor had been killed by a land mine three days earlier.

"No, no, I cannot give you a pass," he said. "There is fighting. You will get shot."

Back in town, I spent a few hours in the care of the Sri Lankan air force waiting for a plane to take me to Colombo before being told that all civilian flights had been cancelled. A Tamil woman carrying a small child burst into tears. Two Sinhalese families were more stoically disappointed.

The station commander offered to transport the Sinhalese families and me, but not for some reason the Tamil woman, out of curfew-bound Batticaloa to a safer Sinhalese area. But after some protracted negotiations I instead hired a bus, stuffed the refugees inside and set off across country for the capital.

Sheila Piyasena, the one refugee who spoke English, told me she was a teacher and had lived in Batticaloa since she was seven. It had come as a shock when she heard that the Tigers were going through the town, house by house, killing any Sinhalese they could find. She and her son ran to a neighbour's house for shelter.

We had some moments of tension when we drove through an area where bus passengers had been previously massacred, but the only real danger we faced was from the maniacal driving of the man behind the wheel. He sped through the jungle as though the hounds of hell were after him, refusing to change gear until the engine stalled.

Along the road we passed a a long trail of trucks carrying refugees from Trincomalee, further north. There are now more than 500 people camped in a Buddhist temple on an island in Beira lake in the heart of the capital.

Seventy-five-year-old S. H. Pieris-Silva, for example, who has kept a grocery shop in Trincomalee, is one of them. He has no blame for his Tamil neighbours. He blames the Tamils from Jaffna for the mayhem committed against the Sinhalese. "They burned my shop," he said. "My house has been flattened." He had lost property worth 1.2 million rupees (around £25,000), a huge sum here.

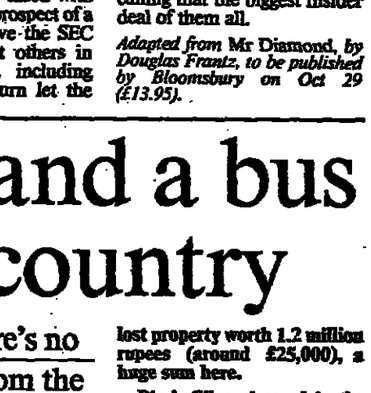
Pieris-Silva, dressed in the white sarong and high-collared shirt and carrying a black umbrella, the badges of the Sri Lankan traditionalist, described how the Tamil gangs had arrived outside his house shouting *"Ponga, ponga!"* ("Get out, get out!"). He hid until he and his family could escape, but later heard that one of his Tamil neighbours had tried to prevent the mob from burning his home. The man was killed.

S. B. M. Vimalaratna, a 38-year-old bus driver, was at his depot in Trincomalee when he heard shooting and began running home. He saw armed men coming towards him and took cover. His conductor, S. A. Kapila, was following him down the road and ran into the armed men. They killed him.

"I could have sacrificed my life to save Kapila," Vimalaratna said sadly, "but I thought of my two children, and stayed under cover."

Michael Hamlyn

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Lords a-leaping

Lord Cledwyn, Labour's leader in the Lords, is set to stay in post for another term, and will be re-elected unopposed early next month. The peer is staying not only through loyalty to Neil Kinnock, but because any suitable replacement, such as a former minister, is as yet too inexperienced for the position. Meanwhile, rumours in the Upper House that Lord Young would take over next year as leader in place of Lord Whitelaw have sparked off unlordly sentiments. Such is the ill-feeling towards the man who is set to chair the Conservative Party and run the DTI simultaneously, that an all-party delegation told Whitelaw that he would be unacceptable. Mind, Young's promotion would be a relief to some who have heard mutterings that Mrs Thatcher, anxious to avenge herself on recalcitrant peers who throw out her legislation, may send Norman Tebbit to run the other place.

Carrot and stick

Edwina Currie can take comfort from the latest recipe to be donated by the Prime Minister in the name of charity publishing. I mentioned last month (PHS Sept 30) that Mrs Thatcher's Banana and Toffee Pie in a recipe book compiled by her daughter's old school had been deemed a "fatty's treat" by one nutrition expert. In *The House of Commons Cookery Book* she offers Sauté of Chicken with Tarragon Sauce which, though involving butter and wine, sounds less lethal. But Mrs Thatcher has a long way to go before she matches Mrs Currie's culinary purity. In the same book the health minister gives a recipe for carrot cake that is not only fashionably full of nuts, brown sugar and wholemeal flour, but is mixed together with "Kraft Vitalite Sunflower Margarine". Anyone for seconds?

● A Labour Party employee leaving the Walworth Road HQ is reported to have asked how long finance officers would take to process a P45 form. The reply: "It's difficult as we're expecting a bit of a rush."

Euro-drama

Conspiracy theories were rampant in the European Parliament in Strasbourg the other day when a television arc light fell from the ceiling, narrowly missing the spot just vacated by Mario Di Bartolemei, an Italian liberal MEP (it was Barbara Castle's usual seat). The building was then evacuated for fear of sabotage, since the speaker was Patrick Hillery, the Irish President, talking about his country's role in the Community. The drama was exacerbated by Unionist MEP John D. Taylor's announcement that he would boycott Hillery's visit. This was apparently because he wanted no truck with Irish Republic officials – and because he was having difficulty convincing European colleagues that the president was not a woman.



● That hideous innovation, the working breakfast, is even being employed in the cause of spiritual salvation. A National Prayer Breakfast is being held at the Commons next month, organized by the Parliamentary Christian Fellowship. For a minimum donation of £10 guests of Speaker Bernard Weatherill will be able to enjoy a cooked breakfast in the company of such early rising MPs as David Alton, Harry Greenway, and Simon Hughes. All at an unearthly 7.30am.

Listening Bank

Clearly unabashed by the criticism they have taken over their 20-year-long occupation of the West Bank of the Jordan the Israelis are marking the occasion with a glossy 110-page booklet trumpeting their achievements. It claims the one million plus indigenous Palestinians have never had it so good; enjoying better health, more refrigerators and better roads than ever before. In a gushing introduction to the pamphlet Shmuel Goren, co-ordinator of government operations, thanks staff for their work, adding disingenuously: "I am sure the population of the area joins me in thanking them." Faisal Awaida, PLO representative in London, who is preparing his own booklet about life under two decades of Israeli occupation, thinks otherwise. "They'll be claiming next they've made the desert bloom."

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One of the spy-plane photographs that confirmed US suspicions and started a bout of brinkmanship which brought the superpowers close to war

The Krushchev gambit

Hugh Thomas, the historian, seeks 25 years on to answer some of the unresolved questions of the Cuban missile crisis. Did President Kennedy betray more weakness than strength? Was a good chance thrown away to dethrone Fidel Castro? Had the US a more appropriate response?

In September 1962, the Soviet Union, managed by the unpredictable and ebullient Nikita Khrushchev, began sending to Cuba a large consignment of modern weapons. The 42 medium-range (1,100-mile) missiles, 24 intermediate-range (2,200-mile) missiles, 42 IL28 bombers and 22,000 troops and technicians would, after establishment on an island 90 miles south of the United States, by one stroke have greatly reduced the gap then obtaining between America and the Soviet Union in first-strike capacities.

Despite speeches only two years before claiming a missile gap in the Russians' favour, the US then had an advantage over the Russians of about 3:1 in long-range bombers, about 6:1 in long-range missiles, and perhaps 16:1 in numbers of warheads. It seems likely that Khrushchev intended, by this move, to gain authority for a strong policy over Berlin and perhaps elsewhere.

The discovery of these plans by President Kennedy's administration led to a crisis in which Kennedy himself said that the odds of a war with Russia were, at one moment, between one in three and evens.

In the subsequent relief that a great catastrophe had been narrowly avoided, Kennedy's policy during the affair seemed, as Dean Acheson wrote at the time, "wisely conceived and vigorously executed". Since then Kennedy's critics on the left have accused him of being reckless. There have also been critics from the right who have argued: "We had a chance of getting rid of Castro and instead of doing so, we ended up by guaranteeing him."

Consider first the accusations from the left. US aerial reconnaissance, carried out by the famous U2 aircraft, showed four missile sites being prepared in Cuba on October 14, 1962. Kennedy spent a week discussing his reaction with a small group of advisers. Among these were the chiefs of staff and other officials who favoured a military attack on the sites. Kennedy rejected that as being certain to lead to civilian deaths. If the attack had been carried out with no warning, it would have been contrary to US traditions. So the administration chose to blockade Cuba – "quarantine" was the word used – to prevent the completion of the shipment. Kennedy made a public demand to the Soviet Union to withdraw all equipment already on the island, including the troops and the bombers.

One alternative would have been to have done nothing. After all, it was said, Europe had lived with nuclear weapons facing it and the United States should have done so too. The balance sought by Khrushchev was obtained by Brezhnev by the end of the 1960s. But Khrushchev, by the way he had secretly sought to achieve this on an island until 1959 a part of the US sphere, had really issued a challenge. Gromyko, the Soviet foreign minister, had privately and explicitly said that weapons such as were going to Cuba would not be placed there. He had said so even after the Americans knew that to be untrue. Kennedy had pressed the preceding Republican administration to "do something about Cuba". But all he had hitherto done had been to carry out the disastrous expedition of 1961 to the Bay of Pigs. He could not have afforded another humiliation. Kennedy had in August also announced that the introduction of such weapons into Cuba (an eventuality which both he and his officials had then thought inconceivable) would have to be "dealt with".

Kennedy considered meeting the challenge by secret diplomacy.



But a "quarantine" could not have been put into force secretly. Secret diplomacy without public action would have given Khrushchev the chance to procrastinate. The missile sites would have become operative.

The argument that Kennedy was too weak requires consideration. What happened is clear. Not only was the quarantine put into position, but all US defence forces were placed on "maximum alert". Near the quarantine line, some Soviet ships carrying missiles halted and turned back. That meant that the intermediate-range missiles (as opposed to the medium-range ones), never arrived in Cuba. But Khrushchev made no quick move about the war material already on the island. There is uncertainty as to whether any warheads had reached Cuba. But it seemed unlikely that some of the missiles might be ready, either for intimation or for use, within a few days.

The administration in Washington prepared for an attack on the missile sites, and for a subsequent occupation of the island. These plans would have been carried out on October 29 had not Khrushchev agreed to withdraw the missiles, men and bombers, with a UN inspection team to supervise the move. Kennedy accepted the conditions that the US would withdraw its Jupiter missiles from Turkey and would guarantee not to invade Cuba.

The first point was promised orally without being written down. But there was no public mention of the scheme, so as not to worry Turkey and the other Nato allies.

Now at first sight this does look like weakness, particularly if it is true that, had Khrushchev pressed the matter, Kennedy would have agreed to make the matter public, as recently suggested by Dean Rusk. But Kennedy had already ordered these Jupiter missiles to be withdrawn from Turkey before the crisis began, and was irritated that that had not been done. Thus the introduction of the Turkish missiles into the argument was a subtle way of allowing Khrushchev an apparent *quid pro quo* for the benefit of silencing his own critics in Moscow, without making any real concession.

As for the guarantee not to invade Cuba: some senators had that summer been, publicly and privately, demanding an invasion. Congressional elections were due in November. Anyone in Washington at that time will recall the sulphur in the atmosphere, marked by the lowering appearance of President Monroe, author of the "Monroe Doctrine", on the cover of *Time* magazine, as well as an intemperate article by Clare Booth Luce in *Life*. But the Kennedy administration had no intention of invading Cuba. It planned to overthrow Castro. But, exactly like President Eisenhower, it preferred clandestine operations by the CIA to anything involving "brass hats".

Further, the undertaking not to invade, though it has been observed by the US, could never have seemed a legal instrument, for Castro refused the condition of a UN inspection which his Soviet sponsors had accepted. Thereafter the US continued its clandestine efforts against Castro. These did not work. But few felt invasion to be an alternative. If Kennedy had known that Castro's troops in the late 1980s would be found in Ethiopia, Angola and Central America, he might have taken a different view. But in 1962 he was dealing with an acute short-term problem which might have led to a catastrophe.

The possibility of a catastrophe is questioned by those who argue that, because of his substantial military advantage, Kennedy need not have made any concessions to secure Soviet withdrawal. But Khrushchev was a leader who took chances and risks and whose prestige was involved. He had formed an unfavourable picture of Kennedy (who had seemed Hamlet-like) when he met him in Vienna in 1961.

Cuban exiles and others argue that the missile crisis offered an opportunity for the removal of the then three-year-old Castro regime. That argument neglects the state of affairs in Washington, where a group of democratic politicians and officials wanted above all to limit the crisis, not expand it, facing as they were a communist regime led by a man who for all his gifts was both a serious Marxist-Leninist and mercurial.

The consequence of this crisis seems to have been a Soviet decision never to be in such a position of inferiority again *vis-à-vis* the US. Hence the drive for nuclear parity carried out by Khrushchev and Brezhnev in the later 1960s and the relative tranquillity in US-Soviet relations until that had been achieved.

In this "Cuban" crisis, the Cubans played no part. Castro had told people that he took the initiative to ask for Soviet missiles. But it is obvious from Soviet sources (as indeed from Cuban ones, including Castro himself in other moods) that the idea was Soviet-inspired. The Soviet military command knew that they had a commitment to defend a new friend in the Caribbean. So they did what they could to benefit from this unexpected and not entirely welcome responsibility.

We know from Carlos Franqui's *Family Portrait with Fidel* that Castro pressed a button on a SAM missile to bring down a US reconnaissance aircraft over Cuba at the height of the crisis but, apart from that bad-tempered act, his kicking of a mirror on hearing that Khrushchev had agreed to withdraw the missiles, and his inhospitable behaviour when Anastas Mikoyan came to Havana to arrange for the withdrawal of the bombers, he merely had to wait. A capacity for survival then as now is his most remarkable attribute.

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Michael Mavor

Baker's support for the strong

Pupils in schools throughout Britain are now working to a syllabus which touches more closely on their daily lives than the lessons of their predecessors. They enjoy the course work and practical approach; they and their teachers can display considerable initiative; and while the new syllabuses can elicit a sparkle in the below average pupil, there is nothing to stop teachers taking really bright boys and girls well beyond these stages.

This new enthusiasm in the classrooms of both Scotland and England is largely due to the introduction of more sensible and accessible courses in the form of Standard Grade and GCSE.

But at exactly the time when teachers needed every ounce of available energy to prepare for these new courses, the government did too much to divert the teachers' dedication into rash absence. Nobody can possibly approve of strikes and children being used as political weapons, but the government would not have paid the teaching profession anything approaching their present awards without them.

The main point was missed at the outset: the teaching profession, which is a most exciting and challenging one, demands people who are well trained, highly motivated, rigorously assessed and generously paid.

Having completely missed the chance to tell good teachers with some sincerity that they mattered and to be much tougher on bad ones, the government is now noddle-headed enough to imagine that by imposing a rigid national curriculum and nationwide tests at 7, 11 and 14, some sort of competence can be statistically devised. I am glad that Dr Margaret Brown, commissioned by the Department of Education and Science to study the feasibility of such tests, is going to recommend them to oblivion.

Nobody is a stronger supporter of independence than I; to be able to appoint staff, establish and manage budgets, encourage different projects and enterprises and make and live by one's own decisions is what good work is all about and I can fully understand the frustration of heads who are prevented from doing this. Really to get to the heart of this country's education, however, demands a removal of these frustrations, rather than an exit sign for the swift and the strong.

It may seem a paradox that independent schools offer choice, but it is a sensible choice in that there is a genuine variety of schools (educating, at their own expense, only 6 per cent of the country's children) which can coexist and which are very good in their own way; pupils will find a different balance of emphasis at Chetham's School of Music, Leeds Grammar School, Worcester College for the Blind, Ampleforth and Ardvreck pre-prep. Any system must tolerate some independence.

Kenneth Baker's proposals for grant-maintained schools, however, offer opportunity, choice and excitement only to those who already have it and will weaken the main body of the maintained system, which is the area that really matters.

As far as parental involvement is concerned, it is a fact that in many schools, including my own, parents need to be involved only to a certain degree. Of course they have inalienable rights and expectations – but the only thing that will sustain a fine school or transform an ailing school is an effervescent teaching staff and a wise head. Parental involvement should follow on from that, rather than preceding it.

Finally, the practical problems facing the chief education officers as they try to deal with shifting populations, scarce resources and stubborn buildings seem hardly to have been considered.

City Technology Colleges are also of doubtful value, for if they are implemented, maintained schools will wince from another wound. At just the time when design deserves every emphasis it can get, these schools will lose many of their most gifted pupils – and staff – in this area. There may not be any teachers of maths, physics or modern languages either, so they will have to concentrate on GCSE bakery.

Education means the far-reaching leading out of everyone, not the quick exodus of a few. We don't need a national curriculum, national tests, grant-maintained schools or City Technology Colleges. We now have an almost decent curriculum up to 16-plus and the challenging chance to broaden sixth-form work – a prospect that is welcomed by most vice-chancellors and industrialists. Many more sixth-formers should then go on to university, possibly to do only an ordinary degree.

Rigorous selection and training of teachers, an independent pay review body to guarantee some "well dones" when things are well done, sensible appraisal, a condemnation of strikes, and a national staff training college to inspire people to find more in themselves, would all help to remind people what fun it can be and how important it is to teach well.

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however . . . Henry Stanhope

A cowpoke gets the call

They rode into his valley in the fall of '87. The big black sedan swept into the farmyard in a swirl of dust, scattering chickens and narrowly missing a snub-nosed boy with freckles who ran out at the sound of its engine. The two men who emerged wore dark city suits, slightly crumpled from their journey, and each carried a black calf attaché case.

"Hey you, where do I find Ole Jed," called one of them.

The boy, squinting in the Arizona sun, pointed towards the tin-roofed shack at the far end of the yard, then sprinted towards it ahead of them, to warn the old man of their coming. The visitors picked their way carefully after him, then stood for several seconds in the doorway, framed against the light, accustoming their eyes to the gloom.

"You Ole Jed?" asked one of them.

The old man, gently creaking on his rocking chair, raised a weatherbeaten hand to sandpaper his unshaven jaw, and spat through the broken window with the accuracy of a striking cobra.

"Mebbe," he wheezed through toothless gums, pushing the tattered stetson off his brow. "And then, mebbe not. What's it to you, stranger?"

"We've got some exciting news for you Jed," said the leader of the two men solemnly, inspecting the top of an oil drum before taking the liberty of sitting down. "The thing is . . ." he began – then looked helplessly up at his companion. "You tell him Ed."

The other man cleared his throat. "Well, the thing is Mr, er, Jed," he said. "Aw shucks, the thing is you've been selected by our IBM at Democratic Party headquarters to stand for President of the United States." He smiled encouragingly into the shadows. "Whaddya think o' that? Must make ya feel pretty proud, huh?"

Ole Jed dragged a cracked clay pipe from his patched dungarees and stuffed it with black tobacco. "Mebbe it do young fella," he said after lighting it and puffing a cloud of acrid smoke towards the ceiling. "And then agin, mebbe it don't."

"Well, that sounds to me like a real president talking," said the first man enthusiastically, slapping his knee. "You see, Jed, the computer's shown you to be the most suitable candidate left now in the USA. I take it," he whispered anxiously, peering into the dark recesses of the room, "you have no extra-marital sex?"

The old man surveyed him impassively for several seconds.

"Nope," he said at length. "Got a drop of Jack Daniels though, I figger."

"Er, no. No thank you, that sounds real swell, but . . . I can also assume, can I, that you've, er, never plagiarized Neil Kinnock?"

The old man narrowed his faded blue eyes. "Any more loose talk like that round here mister, and I'll set the dogs on ya. I'm a God-fearin' man," he snapped.

"That's . . . that's swell, Jed," said the other man earnestly. "He who is a-feared of God need fear no other man . . . except those bums on *The Washington Post* that is . . . and the *Miami Herald* . . .

He coughed and glanced doubtfully at the pipe. "We, er, might have to do something about your smokin', Jed. In Washington these days, you know, those goddamned women anti-pollutionists . . . And we'd need to do a rain-check on the hooch . . ."

He started to tick off points on a questionnaire. "No little fibs about your high school grades, eh? Heh, heh, heh . . . Good . . . heh, heh, heh. Strong believer in equal opportunities . . . gay rights . . . positive discrimination . . ? Perhaps on second thoughts we'd better take those as read . . .

"You sound like the real American dream, Jed. No little skeletons in the cupboard . . ? Good . . . good . . . Now we just need to smarten you up a bit and get you to Washington DC to meet the party chiefs, huh?"

"What's that mister?" The old cowhand jerked forward in his chair, narrowing his gaze, and his hand dropped towards the holster slung low on his hips. "I ain't a-goin' to that doggone place, skeletons or no skeletons. Now you git off ma land afore I git real angry."

The two men leaped to their feet and began the retreat to their car, breaking into a sprint as the first shot whistled low over their heads.

"Goddanmit Ed, this is fantastic," panted the leader. "A real live pistol-packing cowboy . . . Just think of him in the primaries . . .

He clambered into the driving seat and fastened the safety straps as a .45 bullet smacked into the hood. "Yahoo! Wait till the boys hear about this, eh? Not even Reagan could beat this guy . . . An' ya know, I was starting to think the computer'd gotten it wrong again . . ."

He lowered the window and leaned out as the old man paused to reload. "Take care, Jed," he yelled. "We'll be in touch again. Have a nice day . . .

John Spencer on the laws behind the charges in the Guinness affair

When is a company director guilty of theft?

The charges Ernest Saunders and Gerald Ronson are now facing in the Guinness affair include some of theft. This has caused wonderment in the City. What is alleged to have happened is that Saunders paid money from his company, Guinness, to Heron, Ronson's company, to enable Heron to buy Guinness shares in bulk and so affect their market price.

Theft, people are saying, is what a shoplifter does with Guinness products in the supermarket. Has the Director of Public Prosecutions gone off his head? Far from it. He has been reading the Theft Act 1968, Section 1 (1) of which says:

"A person is guilty of theft if he dishonestly appropriates property belonging to another with the intention of permanently depriving the other of it; and 'thief' and 'steal' shall be construed accordingly."

Each of these concepts is stretched by a definition section, and the result is an offence which extends far beyond the seedy popular stereotype of the offence of theft. "Appropriation" is defined as any assumption of the rights of an owner.

This covers not only "lifting" goods from shops and pockets, but unauthorized dealings with property one is entitled to deal with in authorized ways.

It covers the dishonest shop-assistant who improperly sells goods to a friend at an undervalue, for example, and it also covers the purchase by the friend if he or she is in the plot. Directors who pay company money for unauthorized purposes could find themselves in essentially the same position. (The prosecution, of course, must prove the transaction was unauthorized.)

Company directors, like General de Gaulle, are inclined to view the organization they direct as manifestations of themselves. Company property, however, does not belong to the directors but to the company itself.

Theft requires an intention permanently to deprive. Those who appropriate money often say they thought the owner would eventually get his money back. But where money is concerned the law takes a narrow view. Someone who takes money counts as intending permanently to deprive if he does not mean the owner to get back the self-same notes.



Ronson: a charge that surprised

If he intends to replace them eventually with an equivalent, he still intends permanently to deprive. Nor does it mattter whether the defendant intended to make a gain himself, because Section 1 (2) of the Theft Act expressly says this is immaterial.

For the prosecution, "dishonestly" does pose more of a problem. Dishonesty is only partly defined in the Theft Act, and the courts have made up the rest of the definition. The contents of dishonesty have changed over the years.

At first the courts said the defendant is honest if the jury think what he did was proper by their standards. Then they changed their mind and said the defendant is honest if he thought what he did was proper by his standards – so taking the rules not from the Man on the Clapham Omnibus but from the man accused of stealing it.

In 1982 the courts retreated from this remarkable laxity. They now say that behaviour is honest (a) if the jury thinks it was acceptable by the standards of decent and reasonable people, or failing that, (b) if the defendant genuinely believed it was acceptable by the standards of decent and resonable people.

This course is what many a defendant devoutly swears he thought. And it is then up to 12 good men and true to decide if they believe him.

Many offences cover broader ground than one would expect. Sometimes it is wise, sometimes it is unwise to prosecute for behaviour which lies at the fringe of the definition of an offence.

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LEVANTINE ODYSSEY

Mr George Shultz arrives in Israel today for talks which mark the beginning of yet another chapter in the Middle East peace process. Next week he will be in London to meet (among others) King Husain – who will host an Arab summit next month in Amman. Meanwhile, Sir Geoffrey Howe will fly to the Middle East later this month, for his own round of political consultations.

If the US Secretary of State needed reminding of the difficulties, he need only have read *The Times* two days ago. This carried an indirect appeal to Mrs Thatcher from the Prime Minister of Israel for Britain to change the direction of its policy. British policy is, however, broadly in line with that of his own foreign minister. With the Jerusalem coalition split so neatly, progress will be hard indeed.

During the last 12 months or so, Britain's role as a political catalyst in the Middle East has been growing. Keen Prime Ministerial interest, plus the Government's close relationship with Israel, the United States and Jordan, has placed Whitehall in the centre of the region's eternal triangles of distrust.

Britain's support for an international peace conference is, therefore, of considerable significance because of its growing diplomatic role in the region. The idea is also endorsed by Jordan (among others) and by Mr Shimon Peres, Israel's foreign minister. One does not have to think that such an international conference is the ideal way forward in order to know that it is the only way open at present. For that reason the support is deserved.

Who will be trying to persuade whom during the next few weeks of coming and going? The Americans are assumed to be the only people who could persuade Mr Yitzhak Shamir, Israel's prime minister, to accept the idea of an international conference. But as the Americans themselves are less than enthusiastic, they themselves will need persuading by Britain and Jordan – not to mention Mr Peres.

One reason why there is still some optimism is that the Soviet Union is now trying to be constructive. It has even been making conciliatory gestures towards Israel – with which it broke off relations in 1967. There is always the danger that Moscow could try to use a conference for its own ends once it opened. But at this stage it is, at least, making the right noises.

Another reason for optimism is what looks like a more constructive approach among the Arabs. The Jordanians and the Syrians are enjoying a rapprochement and President Assad has signalled that Syria will attend next month's Arab summit in Amman. At the same time, President Assad has tried to shed his image as a friend of extremist Arabs. The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) is – for the moment – putting on on of the more peaceful of its many faces.

Those Israelis who see the emergence of any kind of Palestinian homeland as a threat to their own security deserve sympathy. The history of Arab hostility has not been such as to inspire much confidence in Jersualem. But the principle of exchanging land for peace is one with which all Israelis must some day come to terms. Recognition of Israel's right to exist is a prerequisite of any agreement. Given that recognition, however, Israel should use her bargaining power to secure the peace her people deserve and need.

Perhaps the chief reason for optimism, however, is the fact the Mr Shultz is setting off on his travels at all. The American Secretary of State made it clear last time that he would not embark on another round of Middle East discussions unless and until there was something new to say. The fact that he is once more in the Levant, is being interpreted as a sign that this is now the case.

Ultimately, the answer to the Middle East question lies in the Middle East itself. No peace conference can be more than a means to an end – and the same must be said for outside intervention and diplomacy. Whatever new ideas Mr Shultz may be taking to Jerusalem, it is the ideas that Jerusalem has for him which will determine whether war or peace will prevail.

SHOTGUN LAW

In the wake of another multiple killing in which firearms were employed, the Home Secretary is coming under pressure to tighten the law further than he has already announced following the Hungerford shootings. He is unlikely to entertain rash, unworkable measures. Unlike some of his critics, he will see that one misused shotgun does not mean that possession of all shotguns should become a criminal offence. He should, however, carefully review the law on shotgun control.

The Home Office and the Association of Chief Police Officers had been discussing a tighter law on firearms before Hungerford. That dreadful affair moved the issues up the agenda of public concern, and drew attention to aspects which might otherwise have been given insufficient weight.

The pre-Hungerford debate had been largely about firearms used by professional or habitual criminals, and how to make them less available, and their use less attractive, to such persons. The newer focus of public attention is on the availability of firearms to more ordinary citizens – not those who plan armed robberies or burglaries, but those who, through mental disturbance, or sudden evil intent, might snap and wreak havoc with whatever is familiar and near to hand.

It is clear that changes in the nature and efficiency of firearms, and the appearance in Britain of a disturbing sub-culture in which guns play a prominent part, has made existing regulations out of date. Measures which have been proposed so far concern mainly the transfer to the "prohibited" category, previously reserved for such weapons as machine guns, of those semi-automatic firearms which have enhanced performance or rate of fire. These are to be put in the strictest category of control, virtually banned except for authorized dealers.

In addition, pump action shotguns – capable of a more rapid rate of fire – are to be brought into the second category, hitherto reserved for rifles, pistols and revolvers. The main difference between that and the third category, reserved for ordinary shotguns, is in the level of police supervision and discretion.

The Home Office is still considering whether further control of standard shotguns is required. Should it, for instance, agree to the plea of the chief police officers that those issued with licences for shotguns be required to undertake to keep their weapons securely, and risk the loss of their licence if they fail to do so?

Should the Home Secretary go further even than this? There is undoubtedly a case for closer police supervision of the issuing of licences and, in particular, their reissuing after breach of the regulations. One certificate per weapon should be required. Weapons should have to be kept under conditions so secure as to exclude most householders from keeping them.

Sporting gun users might then start to look to their clubs and ranges to provide the degree of security necessary. Any shotgun seen outside such a club might then attract more suspicion than it does now. The level of public concern is such that the question for the Home Secretary on these points is no longer why, but why not.

VOICE OF THE THEATRE

Things are looking up. Instead of the familiar and melancholy story of London theatres being closed, an old and loved one, the long-empty Playhouse has been beautifully restored, and is to come back to life in a few weeks time. The Old Vic, even more warmly loved, was saved from extinction by Mr Ed Mirvish; after an uncertain start, it has now acquired as director Mr Jonathan Miller, who has planned an exciting and varied repertoire.

At the Royal Opera House, where the blows of fortune have recently been raining down most cruelly, Mr Bernard Haitink, in his first new production since he took over as Musical Director, has launched the finest *Marriage of Figaro* to be seen there, or anywhere else for that matter, for many years. Even the National Theatre and the Royal Shakespeare Company have (for the moment, at any rate) ceased to announce that they are going to close down for ever because of meanness by the Government.

And after the long battle to get a proper Theatre Museum in the nation's capital, followed by the battle over where it should be, it has opened, with a startlingly rich and lavishly displayed permanent collection, and an admirable programme of special exhibitions. From now until next August, just such an exhibition is to be seen there, devoted to the long – and happily, unfinished – career of Sir John Gielgud.

For half a century, four English players set standards for acting, speaking and professionalism that made the theatre of this country one of the artistic glories of the world. A little later than Sybil Thorndike's generation, a little earlier than Alec Guinness's, Laurence Olivier, Ralph Richardson, Peggy Ashcroft and John Gielgud, made up a quartet of theatrical genius that has never been surpassed. Each brought a special quality into the theatre; Olivier had his blazing trumpet notes, Richardson his infinite cunning, Ashcroft her almost incredible versatility; and Gielgud the most beautiful, and most effectively used, theatrical voice this century has known.

At the Theatre Museum exhibition, that voice can be heard as the visitor wanders through the galleries, speaking some of his most memorable roles, from Shakespeare to Wilde. The walls are adorned with the playbills, caricatures, photographs, costumes, stage-designs and other memorabilia of his career; inevitably, there is room for only a tiny selection of his roles, which are to be counted in hundreds. Nor have they been confined to the stage; he has contributed massively to the cinema and television, and he has had a parallel career, of much distinction, as a director.

Yet it is that voice, and what he has done with it, that defines him. It is exquisite, in the original senses – meaning of great beauty and keenly felt; it is thrilling; its delicate but ever-present vibrato keeps it warm and full of feeling; and a sharp, penetrating, wise and well-read intelligence (which Sir John is in the habit of gently and implausibly denying) fixes it, and what is said in it, for ever in the memory. Theatre-goers who have followed the careers of those four great players will remember always their performances; but in Gielgud's case, they also remember, in remarkable profusion, single lines, even single phrases.

Once heard, never forgotten. From his Clarence in the Olivier film of *Richard the Third*: "What scourge for perjury?" From his Benedick in *Much Ado About Nothing*: "I do love nothing in the world so well as you." From *The Winter's Tale*: "Too warm, too warm". And from the last of his four Hamlets, in 1944: "Angels and ministers of grace defend us!"

But all those who have followed Gielgud's acting will have their own favourites. And what is more, they will shortly have the opportunity to add to their collection. For – at the age of 83 – he is about to return to the stage, after a decade in which he has acted only on the screen, in a new play. The exhibition at the Theatre Museum right royally salutes his work; and so does anyone who has ever experienced his theatrical magic, a magic with which he has for so long immeasurably enriched the English-speaking world.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dark future for non-core subjects

From Dr P. V. Jones

Sir, Mr Baker continues to insist (report, October 9) that, since his core-curriculum proposals offer the *possibility* of 20 per cent of the timetable for non-core subjects, such subjects can survive. But on a 40-period week, less one for compulsory RE, the available time for non-core subjects comes to *seven* periods. And that is a maximum.

Schools which offer a 90 per cent core curriculum will have *three* periods for non-core subjects. For that range of time allowance subjects such as a second foreign language, a third science, Latin, home economics, economics, classical studies, social studies (to mention but seven, all common in State schools) will have to battle it out.

But mark the bind. First, schools will be *legally* obliged to teach all 10 core subjects to *everyone* all the way up to the fifth form – French for everyone, technology for everyone, geography for everyone (and so on). Since no new resources are to be given, where will they find the teachers and time to implement this massive new demand? Clearly, from non-obligatory subjects. Whence else?

Second, subjects already in the core *by law* will, inevitably, have a powerful advantage over the non-core subjects, because it will cost schools little to expand them to fill the whole timetable. But it will cost them much more to keep on non-obligatory minority subjects with a risible time allowance.

In other words, given the pressure on schools' resources and the imposition of a legally obligatory core occupying such a large proportion of the curriculum, the inevitable result will be that, in time, legislated subjects will oust all others.

When that happens – for schools with a 90 per core it will happen almost at once – we will have a clone curriculum. When pupils are developing their own preferences, interests and skills, the curriculum will not be able to respond to them. And what will be the effect on the vision and aspirations of those going to A levels?

The Conservatives talk much about "freedom". There will be none of that if Mr Baker's proposals go through without modification. As for parents who look forward to discussing their child's choice of subjects with them, "what choice?" will come back the baffled response.

Yours etc,
PETER V. JONES,
The University of Newcastle upon Tyne,
Department of Classics,
The University,
Newcastle upon Tyne.

From Mr J. B. Shedden

Sir, In today's *Times* (October 12) you report the following paragraph from views on the Government's proposed national school curriculum expressed by the London Chamber of Commerce, who are particularly concerned with children brought up in homes where English is probably never used:

To ensure that these children have access to the national curriculum will require special attention in terms of providing the necessary resources to ensure that they are given a knowledge and understanding of the English language sufficient to gain the benefits from the other subjects which are to be taught under the national curriculum.

Perhaps there are other categories in need of special attention for the teaching of English?

Yours faithfully,
J. B. SHEDDEN,
6 Barnfield Close,
Crockenhill,
Swanley, Kent.

Coup in Fiji

From Professor David Murray

Sir, For the first time since the 1946 census, indigenous Fijians will shortly outnumber those of Indian origin, as indicated in Professor Clegg's letter (October 10). In the 1966 census, which guided the provisions in the independence Constitution, Fijians constituted 42 per cent and Indians 51 per cent of the population.

The change in the balance of the population was not what was assumed when the independence Constitution was adopted. At that time it was assumed that unusual safeguards were required for the Fijians. There were five particular forms of these.

First, the legislature was constituted with two Houses and in the Senate – which had significant delaying powers – Fijians were in effect guaranteed a majority.

Second, and more important, the laws safeguarding the whole machinery of separate administration of Fijians, their control over land and the administration of Fijian development funds, for instance, were entrenched in the Constitution and no change could be made except with the agreement of six of the eight Council of Fijian Chiefs' representatives sitting in the Senate.

Third, the House of Representatives was to be elected, using a complex form of communal representation which was almost guaranteed to ensure a Fijian majority unless the Fijian vote split – as it did in 1977 and did again this year.

In addition to these three provisions, the Constitution provided as a fundamental right that the individual should be protected from discrimination on the ground of race, but this did not apply to existing law – thus allowing existing discriminatory law in favour of Fijians.

Finally, the Constitution provided for fair treatment of each community in recruiting to the public service, but this did not extend to the army or to the police mobile reserve.

Under the independence Constitution the Fijians were already assigned a privileged position. The assumptions then made about the future balance of the population were taken to justify these safeguards.

Given these constitutional safeguards and present population growth, moves further to limit the rights of Fijian citizens of Indian origin cannot convincingly be justified by the minority situation of the Fijians.

Yours sincerely,
D. J. MURRAY,
125 Church Green Road,
Bletchley,
Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.
October 13.

Privatized power

From the Secretary of the Central Electricity Generating Board

Sir, Mr Kimber (September 30) claims that, with one or two exceptions, the Central Electricity Generating Board has done nothing to support combined heat and power (CHP) schemes. Clearly he does not know the true position.

As the Electricity Council submission to the Select Committee on Energy last year showed, the Electricity Supply Industry (ESI) has assisted in appraising 86 schemes since the Energy Act of 1983. As part of this assistance, the CEGB last year spent £700,000 and contributed 17 man-years.

In the last four years, for example, the board, with Eastern Electricity, has spent nearly £400,000 in investigating CHP at South Denes, near Great Yarmouth. The CEGB is a member of Leicester Energy Ltd, working up a commercial CHP scheme where the board has offered to transfer its Leicester plant to the project as an equity investment. On Tyneside it is offering practical support for further studies of a CHP scheme there.

In spite of all this work, CHP has not so far taken off. It is approached by the board on a purely commercial basis, and the reason why it has not proved attractive to developers is that it has not been competitive with other fuels, especially gas.

In other words, CHP has not yet proved itself more efficient in its use of all resources than its competitors. It may however gradually become more competitive, especially if natural gas becomes more expensive. We are therefore continuing to put considerable effort into the study of possible schemes.

Finally, Mr Kimber considers that privatising the ESI will provide a spur for CHP. The future structure of the ESI is of course a matter for the Government, but whatever the structure, its managers will have to pay regard to the economic realities of CHP.

Yours sincerely,
G. H. HADLEY, Secretary,
Central Electricity Generating Board,
Sudbury House,
15 Newgate Street, EC1.
October 9.

From Mr I. W. H. Jarvis

Sir, In the CHP project which we are currently developing at Leicester we find that the ESI, in the form of the East Midlands and Central generating boards, have been most supportive and very co-operative. There are, I believe, two underlying factors which have led to this attitude.

First, these two bodies are equal partners in the company with the eight other sponsors who come from both the public and private sectors and there is an openness to all our deliberations.

Second, there has always been a sense of commercial realism about the project, which we hope will be justified shortly by its implementation.

It is my considered opinion that if approached in an attitude of co-operation, rather than conflict, many others would find the ESI true supporters of CHP.

Yours faithfully,
IAN JARVIS (General Manager),
Leicester Energy Limited,
PO Box 227, Leicester.
October 7.

Design for living

From Dr E. S. Thorne

Sir, Your leader, "Pay as you learn" (October 3), shows yet again the ignorance surrounding home economics. It is not just a cooking subject – you twice refer (incorrectly) to "rock cake".

Home economics is concerned with energy, design, nutrition, food science, technology, textiles, human development, consumer studies and economics. Because human relationships are involved it is also concerned with moral issues and values.

The economic and social importance of a subject is rooted in the realities of everyday life and the interrelationships between sectors of knowledge, not least through application, should not be left to the whims and prejudices of parental choice.

Yours faithfully,
EVELEEN S. THORNE (Head, Department of Home Economics),
Roehampton Institute,
Roehampton Lane, SW15.

Rift in the construction industry

From Mr Peter Cox

Sir, The construction industry covers a great variety of work, from hydroelectric power stations to housing. With the ever-increasing complexity of the industry it is therefore understandable that members have organised themselves into a number of separate professional institutions and contracting organisations.

This has left the civil engineering bodies isolated from the building elements of the industry. The rift is becoming wider: the Institution of Civil Engineers is setting up its own building group, whose guidance will inevitably clash with that produced by the building institutions.

If the industry consisted of two very distinct groups with little common ground all would be well. However, many consulting and contracting firms work in both sides of the industry and many construction contracts include both civil engineering and building. Many engineers are members of both the Institution of Civil Engineers and one or more of the building institutions, particularly the Institution of Structural Engineers.

The correct balance between conformity and flexibility to achieve maximum efficiency for the whole industry cannot be dictated by any one part. If the industry is divided its efficiency will suffer.

There is considerable expertise in the UK construction industry, which has gained much overseas work. It should be trying to increase its efficiency in order to win further orders and not waste its effort by fighting itself.

Members of both sides of the industry should ask the leaders of the institutions and contracting organisations not to take any action that might antagonise other bodies and to try to defuse the situation. They may like to consider the formation of a Construction Industry Council to promote increased co-operation in the future.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. COX,
M. A. Richards & Partners
(Consulting engineers),
Suite 3, 51A George Street,
Richmond-upon-Thames, Surrey.
October 12.

Sales from museums

From the Chairman of the Trustees of the National Gallery

Sir, The trustees of the National Gallery have been asked by a number of potential benefactors to declare their policy on the sale of works of art. The trustees have already informed the Office of Arts and Libraries that if the power of disposal must be included in the forthcoming Bill, they would prefer it to be as closely circumscribed as possible.

There is clearly a danger that such a provision, should it pass through Parliament, would deter future benefactions. And while no board can bind its successors, I can state formally that the trustees of the National Gallery have no intention of selling any picture from the collection, and would not therefore be making use of the power now being proposed.

Yours faithfully,
JACOB ROTHSCHILD,
Chairman,
Trustees of the National Gallery,
As from: 14 St James's Place, SW1.
October 12.

Party at prayer

From Mr John Stokes, MP for Halesowen and Stourbridge (Conservative)

Sir, Lord Hailsham's kindly and intuitive article (October 9) will, I am sure, be enjoyed by many of your readers, even though they may not agree with all of it.

In spite, however, of constantly referring to the history of the Tory Party he does not mention its long connection with the Church of England, dating back to the early 1640s and the beginning of the Civil War. The Tory Party and the Church are now unfortunately at loggerheads and it seems an extraordinary paradox that, just as the Labour Party appears to be abandoning socialism, the General Synod seems to be embracing it and bishops at their enthronement reinforce this stance.

For those Tories who are also Anglicans this does present a somewhat difficult conundrum.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN STOKES,
House of Commons.

CBI and unions

From Mr R. H. Price

Sir, Roland Rudd's article (October 2) on the Government's proposal to prevent disciplinary action by trade unions against those of their members who work during properly-balloted strikes stated that the CBI had strongly condemned the planned legislation. In so doing I fear many readers will have gained a misleading impression of the CBI's position.

The CBI withheld support from the proposal on the ground that it could be represented as undermining democratic procedures within trade unions. We made it quite clear, however, that amongst our membership there was a strong recognition that an individual should be free to honour his contract of employment without fear of coercion from any source.

This was reflected in our submission to the Government in which we stated that on balance CBI members' concerns about the impact of the proposal on the strike-balloting process outweighed other considerations and that the Government should not therefore pursue the proposal for the time being.

This does not amount to strong condemnation, and indeed it is worth noting that on the majority of the latest legislative proposals relating to trade unions and their members the CBI has given the Government its support.

Yours faithfully,
R. H. PRICE (Executive Director, Government Relations),
Confederation of British Industry,
Centre Point,
103 New Oxford Street, WC1.
October 9.

Bridging the gap

From Mr Alan Foss

Sir, My grandfather, Edward Foss, biographer, was born on October 16, 1787, thus sharing a bicentenary year with Australia and the MCC and, indeed, only narrowly missing that of your great paper.

To have grandchildren living after 200 years is probably not unique, but it is perhaps sufficiently unusual to merit an inclusion among Letters to the Editor, and fulfil a small ambition of

Yours faithfully,
ALAN FOSS,
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Newlands Park,
Sydenham, SE26.
October 11.

ON THIS DAY

OCTOBER 16 1957

The risks incidental to the production of atomic power have been much in the news in the past few years. Thirty years ago they were heard of much less and were treated with greater secrecy

INQUIRY ORDERED AT WINDSCALE

SIR W. PENNEY TO BE CHAIRMAN

From Our Political Correspondent

An independent but secret inquiry has been ordered into the incident at the Windscale atomic plant, in Cumberland, where a nuclear reactor became overheated on October 10. It has been urgently called for by the Atomic Energy Authority, and a report direct to the authority is expected in a week or 10 days.

This announcement followed a meeting of the Cabinet at 10, Downing Street, yesterday. The Prime Minister himself is ultimately responsible for atomic developments, and other Ministers have become involved in the problems of water and milk supplies.

It is understood the Government have been authoritatively assured that a recurrence of the incident is not possible at Calder Hall or any other atomic power stations being built for the electricity authority.

SECURITY PRECAUTIONS

Forming the committee of inquiry will be:- Sir William Penney, F.R.S. (chairman), the member of the Atomic Energy Authority responsible for weapons research and development; Dr. B. F. J. Schonland, F.R.S., deputy director of the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell; Professor J. M. Kay, Professor of Engineering (Nuclear), Imperial College of Science; and Professor Jack Diamond, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Manchester University. The inquiry cannot take place in public because of security precautions.

The authority stated yesterday afternoon that the committee will investigate the cause of the Windscale incident, and will begin their task to-morrow. They add: "As Windscale is a defence plant, the committee will not meet in public. For the same reason the report of the committee will not be published. The fullest statement of its findings consistent with security will, however, be made public."

Manchester's anxieties about the possible contamination of its water supplies found expression during the day in a telegram from Mr. Frank Allaun, Labour M.P. for East Salford, to Lord Mills, Minister of Power. He received a categorical answer that there was no danger . . .

MILK RESTRICTIONS

In another statement the authority give some explanation of the extension of the "milk line" around Windscale from an area of 14 square miles to an area of 200 square miles. Certain Press reports, they stated, had tended to give the impression that this extension arose from findings of strontium 90 in the area. "It must be emphasized that the extended control is based entirely on the levels of radio iodine," the statement said. "Checks for strontium 90 have been made by the authority and the highest levels reported are still only between one-fifth and one-tenth of that which would be safe for lifetime consumption."

They add that "the strontium situation is still being watched."

Milk from the affected area was poured down a drain at the Milk Marketing Board depôt at Egremont, Cumberland yesterday. The drain carried it direct to the sea . . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 15: The Duchess of York visited the West Midlands today.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight to Birmingham International Airport and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the West Midlands (the Earl of Aylesford).

The Duchess of York subsequently opened "Careers for the 90s" at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.

Her Royal Highness afterwards visited M. Myers & Son plc at Warley on the occasion of their 150th Anniversary and was received by the Deputy Chairman (Mr P.J. Lovell).

In the afternoon The Duchess of York opened and toured the new General Intensive Care Unit at Walsgrave Hospital, Coventry escorted by the Chairman, District Health Authority (Mr A.R. Guy).

Miss Helen Hughes and Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer were in attendance.

The Princess Royal, President, Riding for the Disabled Association, this morning attended the 37th Council Meeting of the Association at Saddlers' Hall, Gutter Lane, Cheapside, London EC2.

Her Royal Highness, President, the British Olympic Association, this afternoon attended the Association's Annual General Meeting at the Headquarters, 1, Wandsworth Plain, London SW18.

The Princess Royal, Chancellor of the University of London, this evening attended a dinner at Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1 and afterwards presided at the ceremony for the celebration of Foundation Day at the Institute of Education, Bedford Way, London WC1.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of London (the Lord Flowers).

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

Today is the Anniversary of the Birthday of The Duchess of York.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 15: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as President of the Royal Ballet, today visited the Royal Ballet School at White Lodge, Richmond.

The Countess Alexander of Tunis was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 15: The Duchess of Gloucester today visited the Manor House Residential Training Centre for Deaf-Blind Students run by SENSE (The National Deaf-Blind Rubella Association) at Market Deeping, Lincolnshire, and later visited Prince William Postgraduate Medical Education Centre at Kettering & District General Hospital, Rothwell Road, Kettering, Northamptonshire.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Mrs Michael Wigley, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Memorial service

The Hon Mrs Hamilton Black
A service of thanksgiving for the life of the Hon Mrs Hamilton Black was held yesterday in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital Chelsea.

The Rev Denys Bartlett officiated. The Marquess of Dufferin and Ava read the lesson and Lord Plunket gave an address. Among those present were:

Mr and Mrs G McNeill-Moss (son-in-law and daughter), Mr Nigel McNeill-Moss and Mr Desmond McNeill-Moss (grandsons), Lady Plunket, the Hon Shaun Plunket, Miss Lolia Plunket, Maureen Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, the Earl of Clanwilliam, Lady Broughshane, Lord and Lady St Levan, Lady Vernon, Sonia Lady Fairfax of Cameron, the Hon Mrs Pringle, the Hon Mrs Wyndham, the Hon Piers St Aubyn, Lady de Trafford, Lady Seely, Lady Brinsley Ford, Lady Michaell West, Sir Gilbert Longden, Lady Murphy, Lady Douglas Pennant, Mr Jonathan and Lady Mary le Bulmer.

The Princess of Pless, Mr Michael de Las Casas, Mr and Mrs David Plunket, Mrs Francis Perkins, Mrs Tom Hall, Rear-Admiral and Mrs J Bartosik, Mr Richard Lumley, Mrs Walter Luttrell, Mrs Archie Balfour, Mr and Mrs Andrew Balfour, Mr Christopher Balfour, Mr and Mrs John Balfour, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Arthur Macolm, Mr and Mrs J Meade, Mr Rupert Pearce Gould (representing Anghi Mallings) and Mrs Pearce Gould and Mr and Mrs Richard Worsley.

Appointments



Mr Michael Fopp.

Mr Giles Fitzherbert, Ambassador-designate to Venezuela, to be concurrently Ambassador (non-resident) to Dominica, in succession to Mr M. J. Newington, who will be taking up a further Diplomatic Service appointment.

Mr Michael Fopp, Director of the London Transport Museum, Covent Garden, to be Director of the Royal Air Force Museum, Hendon, in succession to Dr John Tanner, who retires at the end of the year.

Legal
Mr Justice Yang to be Chief Justice of Hong Kong from next March, on the retirement of Sir Denys Roberts.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Robert Stephenson, civil engineer, Willington Quay, Northumberland, 1803; Arnold Böcklin, painter, Basel, 1827; Oscar Wilde, Dublin, 1854; Sir Austen Chamberlain, statesman, Nobel peace laureate 1925, Birmingham, 1863; David Ben Gurion, first prime minister of Israel 1948-53, 1955-63, Plonsk, Poland, 1886; Eugene O'Neill, dramatist, New York City, 1888; Michael Collins, Irish patriot, Clonakilty, co Cork, 1890.

DEATHS: Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley, bishops, Protestant reformers, burnt at the stake, Oxford, 1555; Marie Antoinette, Queen of France, executed Paris, 1793; John Hunter, anatomist and surgeon, London, 1793; George Marshall, general, formulated Marshall Aid, Nobel peace laureate 1953, Washington, 1959.

The House of Commons burned down, 1834.

Gunmakers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Gunmakers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Air Commodore the Hon Sir Peter Vanneck; Upper Warden, Major David Henry Lempriere Back; Renter Warden, Mr Richard Mark Van Oss.

Dinners

Chartered Architects' Company
Mr James R.G. Thomas, Master of the Chartered Architects' Company, assisted by Mr Derek L. Robinson, Renter Warden, and Mr Jeremy Mackay-Lewis, Junior Warden, presided at the annual dinner held last night at Plaisterers' Hall. Mr Christopher Benson and Professor Michael Marland also spoke. The guests included the Town Clerk of the City of London, the Masters of the Plaisterers' and Fan Makers' Companies and the Rev Basil Watson and their ladies.

Actuaries' Company
Mr D.G. Millard, Master of the Actuaries' Company, presided at a dinner held last night at Staple Inn Hall. Mr D.A. Emms, Master of the Skinners' Company, was the principal speaker and Mr C.W.F. Low also spoke. Mr M.H. Field, President of the Institute of Actuaries, Mr C.D.A. Mackie, secretary-general; and the Masters of the Stationers' and Newspaper Makers' and Upholders' Companies were among those present.

Two Cities Dining Club
The Hon Peter Brooke, Paymaster General, was the guest speaker at a dinner of the Two Cities Dining Club held last night at St Ermin's Hotel. Mr Kenneth Dibben, chairman, presided.

Coningsby Club
Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, MP, was entertained at dinner last night at the Carlton Club by the Coningsby Club. Mr Mark Bishop was in the chair.

To Mr O.P. Wood
In honour of Mr O.P. Wood, on his retirement as a Student of Christ Church, Oxford, his former philosophy pupils gave a dinner last night at the Garrick Club.

Reform Club
Mr Michael Heseltine, MP, was the speaker at a dinner given last night by the Economics group of the Reform Club. Mr Douglas Llambias presided.

Marketors' Company
Mr Philip Sadler delivered the Bowden address at a livery dinner given by the Marketors' Company at Stationers' Hall last night. Mr Geoffrey Naylor, Master, presided, assisted by Mr Eric Morgan, Senior Warden, Mr Harry Druce, Middle Warden, and Mr Gerald Draper, Junior Warden. Mr Reg Bowden was presented a pair of silver candelabra by the Master to mark his 90th birthday (September 3).

Glaziers' Company
Mr Jack Stone, Master of the Glaziers' Company, accompanied by Mrs Richard Stone and Mr T.J.C. Crocker, Upper Warden, and Mr P.G. Evans, Renter Warden, and their ladies received the guests at a dinner held at Glaziers' Hall last night. The Master presided and Mrs Richard Stone also spoke.

Birthdays today

Lord Adrian, 60; Mr Peter Bowles, actor, 51; Mr Max Bygraves, entertainer, 65; Earl De La Warr, 66; Mr Gunter Grass, writer, 60; Dr W.W. Grave, former Master, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, 86; Mr Terry Griffiths, snooker player, 40; Miss Angela Lansbury, actress, 62; Lord MacDonald of Gwaenysgor, 72; Lord MacLehose of Beoch, 70; Miss Emma Nicholson, MP, 46; Sir John Winnifrith, civil servant, 79.

Lord Prior

The life barony conferred on James Michael Leathes Prior has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Prior, of Brampton in the County of Suffolk.

Celebration symphony



Mstislav Rostropovich rehearsing with the London Symphony Orchestra yesterday at the Festival Hall, London, for a series of eight concerts to celebrate the cellist's sixtieth birthday. (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.S. Bowles and Miss A.N. Horsey
The engagement is announced between Adam, second son of Mr and Mrs P.B. Bowles, of Exford, Somerset, and Anneke, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Horsey, of Washfield, Tiverton, Devon.

Captain J.E. Cameron and Captain L.M. Searight, WRAC
The engagement is announced between James Euan Cameron, The Queen's Regiment, son of the late Dr N.E. Cameron and Mrs M. Cameron, of Walmer, Kent, and Linda Mary, widow of Captain N.M.C. Searight, RA, and daughter of Mrs S.G. Hartley, of Selsley, Gloucestershire.

Mr H.A.B. Carritt and Miss V. Kurtzahn
The engagement is announced between Tony, son of Mr Rodney Carritt, of Chelsea, London, and of Mrs Madeleine Carritt, of East Sheen, London, and Veronica, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Hans-Erich Kurtzahn, of Mexico City.

Dr N.S. Derry and Miss L.J. Dawkins
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, aldest son of Dr and Mrs J.A. Derry, of Bisbrooke, Rutland, and Lanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.J. Dawkins, of Nunawading, Victoria, Australia.

Mr A.A.M. Gardiner and Mrs M. Armitage
The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place shortly at Moulsford, between Anthony Gardiner and Monica Armitage.

Lieutenant H.A. Jones, RN and Miss R.M. Harley
The engagement is announced between Huw, elder son of Mr and Mrs A.G. Jones, of Creaton, Northamptonshire, and Rachel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs S.T. Harley, of Saltash, Cornwall.

Mr D.B. Marshall and Miss L.S. Keating
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs P.I. Marshall, of Virginia Water, Surrey, and Lesley, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Keating, of Holyhead, Anglesey.

Mr G.J. Mucklow and Miss M.A. Gibbons
The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr and Mrs A. Mucklow, of Stourbridge, Worcestershire, and Maeve, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Gibbons, of Cullahill, Co Laois, Republic of Ireland.

Mr S.J. Peet and Miss D.J. Wright
The engagement is announced between Stephen James, younger son of Mr Ron Peet and the late Mrs Joy Peet and stepson of Mrs Lyn Peet, of Chelsea, and Deborah Janet, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bert Wright, of Alderley Edge, Cheshire.

Mr N.A. Purdon and Miss M.J. Pask
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr Mark Purdon and the late Mrs Eva Purdon, of Noss Mayo, Devon, and Melanie Juanita, only daughter of Commander D.A. Pask, RNR, and Mrs Pask, of Cranham, Gloucestershire.

Mr J.M.C. Quaile and Miss J.M. Inman
The engagement is announced between John, second son of Mr and Mrs W. Quaile, of Aldonaig, Rhu, Dunbartonshire, and Julia, elder daughter of Mr D. Inman and the late Mrs S. Inman, of Willards, Dunsfold, Surrey.

Mr J.A.B. Short and Miss R.G. Webber
The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mr Peter Short, of Nottingham, and Mrs Jane Short, of Chesterfield, and Rosemarie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Haydn Webber, of Sandton, Johannesburg.

Mr A. Stewart and Miss J. Aldworth
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Dr and Mrs Jack Stewart, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Aldworth, both of Epping, Essex.

Mr E.N. Tilley and Miss P. Wand
The engagement is announced between Edward Neill, son of Mr and Mrs K.J. Tilley, of Ayot St Lawrence, Hertfordshire, and Prudence, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.E. Wand, of Bendish, Hertfordshire.

Dr M.J. Twomey and Dr S.R. Donnelly
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs M.J. Twomey, of Cork, Ireland, and Sheelagh, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J. Donnelly, of Mossley Hill, Liverpool.

Mr R.S. Wharton and Miss S.J. Keable
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of the late Mr Philip Wharton and Mrs Edna Wharton, of Bray, Berkshire, and Sarah Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Leonard Keable, of The Walton Cottage Hotel, Maidenhead, Berkshire.



Jean Dufy, *Les Cavaliers Dans Le Bois de Boulogne*, signed, oil on canvas, 46 by 55.3 cm to be sold on 21st October. Estimate: £12,000-15,000.

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Science report

Mixing of crops improves yields

By Andrew Wiseman

The age-old belief of gardeners that if you plant carrots and marigolds in the same plot you prevent the ravages of the carrot fly, has been vindicated to some extent by West Germany's most prestigious science foundation, the Max-Planck Society.

Researchers at its Erwin-Baur Institute, in Cologne, have established that different varieties of cereals grown in the same field provide farmers with more abundant and healthier harvests.

The work, supervised by Professor Josef Hesselbach and sponsored by the West German Ministry for Research and Technology, was part of a project to find alternatives to artificial pesticides, without lowering the quality of yields.

The Germans began their experiments three years ago by sowing some cereals in the traditional manner (only one variety in a field) and planting a cereal *mix in other fields.*

The very first result showed that yields were considerably higher on land with more than one strain of cereals: over comparatively small areas (roughly the size of a kitchen garden) wheat and winter and summer barley showed an increased yield of 3 per cent. More telling results were achieved on larger areas, on average sized fields, where harvests were up by 7.5 per cent.

Apart from these unexpected findings, the Germans were also able to demonstrate that there was less danger of infestation when different cereals were grown together.

On average, wheat and winter and summer barley cultivated on the same land and not sprayed with fungicides, showed a significant drop in infection, ranging from 20 to 27 per cent, depending on the size of the field. The bigger the field, the greater the reduction.

These findings have convinced the scientists that the mixing of cereals could become a decisive alternative to existing pesticides, although they also found that the application of fungicides to single crops increased their yields by 3 per cent, compared to untreated mixed cereals.

The research concentrated on specific viruses causing mildew, rust and broken stems, which result in withered, yellow leaves. Because there was significantly less of it in fields where more than one variety had been sown, the scientists believe that the same should apply to other agricultural diseases.

Encouraged by these preliminary results, the Max-Planck team is now engaged in further experiments aimed at establishing to what extent the mixed cultivation of crops is more advantageous to farmers and (because of the reduced amount of pesticides) cheaper than the *traditional monoculture.*

Bridge

Taipei retains the lead

Ocho Rios, Reuter - Chinese Taipei and Canada scored big wins half way through the world bridge championship qualifying rounds to go further ahead of close contenders Pakistan, Venezuela and Great Britain.

The last segment of the first round-robin on Wednesday saw Chinese Taipei defeat New Zealand 21-9 to retain the lead and Canada trounce Brazil 25-1, to keep second place in the men's Bermuda Bowl.

Pakistan and Venezuela drew 15-15, while Great Britain stayed in contention by beating Jamaica 25-3.

In the women's Venice Cup the United States continue to exert pressure. Their sparkling 22-8 win halted China's strong run and opened an eight victory-point gap over Italy, the erstwhile leaders, who managed a 16-14 win over Egypt.

Australia's challenge flagged after a string of bright performances as they were held to a 15-15 draw by Jamaica. Venezuela beat Argentina 25-2.

The two top teams in each contest go forward to the next stage of the championships after the second and decisive round-robin, which began late last night.

Standings after seven rounds:
Bermuda Bowl: 1. Chinese Taipei 132; 2. Canada 125½; 3. Venezuela 116½; 4. Pakistan 115; 5. Great Britain 114; 6. New Zealand 74½; 7. Brazil 76; 8. Jamaica 70½.
Venice Cup: 1. USA 143; 2. Italy 136; 3. Australia 120; 4. Venezuela 102; 5. China 98; 6. Egypt 87; 7. Argentina 73; 8. Jamaica 68.

Marriages

Dr K.P. Garry and Dr E.A. Kilkenny
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 10, 1987, at St Peter's and St Paul's Church, Newport Pagnell, between Dr Kevin Garry, elder son of Mr and Mrs Stanley Garry, and Dr Elizabeth Kilkenny, elder daughter of Dr Bernard Kilkenny and Mrs Patricia Kilkenny.

Mr P.J. Hadoulis and Mrs A.M. Bisson
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 10, in the Greek Cathedral Aghia Sophia, Bayswater, London, W2, of Mr Panaghis John Hadoulis, son of the late Mr and Mrs J.P. Hadoulis, to Mrs Avon Mary Bisson, only daughter of the late Colonel and Mrs R.F. Fitz-Gerald, of Australia. Bishop Timotheos officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her son, was attended by Mrs Anastasia Lymbouri. Mr P.G. Hadoulis was best man.

Mr H. Kenney and Mrs J.E.C. Kerr
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 19, at St Cuthbert's Church, Marton-in-Cleveland, between Mr Harold Kenney and Mrs Joan Kerr (née Carrad), both of Marton.

Mr T.V.H. Pond and Mrs J.M. Sowter
The marriage took place quietly on September 12, at Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, between Mr Terence Victor Pond and Mrs Joan Marina Sowter.

Mr D.M. Stewart and Miss V.G. Jackson
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 10, at the Church of St Mary and All Saints, Droxford, between Mr David Mark Stewart, son of the late Mr A.D. Stewart and of Mrs A.D. Stewart, and Miss Victoria Jackson, daughter of the late Brigadier Tom Jackson and of Mrs Colin Macpherson. The Rev David Henley officiated.

The reception was held at the bride's home and the honeymoon is being spent in Kenya.

Service dinners

Naval Regional Officers
Commander M. Howland presided at a dinner given last night by the Naval Regional Officers and their Deputies in HMS Dolphin, Gosport, to mark the retirement of Commander David Johnston.

The King's Royal Rifle Corps
Field Marshal Lord Bramall presided at the annual dinner of the Celer et Audax Club (The King's Royal Rifle Corps) held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

The King's Regiment
Brigadier P.R. Davies, Colonel of The King's Regiment, presided at the annual King's Regiment Officers' Dinner Club dinner held at the London International Press Centre last night. The Honorary Colonel of the Royal South Australia Regiment and the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of The Royal Regiment of Canada, affiliated regiments, were the guests.

Rajput Regiment
Colonel Arjun Ray was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Rajput Regiment Dinner Club held last night at the Army and Navy Club.

OBITUARY

MR FRANK LIESCHING

Humanizing prison life

Mr Frank Liesching, a former Governor of Winchester Prison, died on October 5. He was 66. He enjoyed an eventful life in the prison service, where his ideas about the treatment of prisoners annoyed some and delighted others.

Frank McNair Liesching was born at Tiverton, Devon, on May 17, 1921, the youngest son of a retired Ceylon tea-planter. He was raised in a Plymouth Brethern household. Like his father, uncles and brothers, he was educated at Blundell's, where he was an exhibitioner.

He began the Second World War as a conscientious objector, but came round to thinking that this was the wrong thing to do, so he joined, first, the Lovat Scouts, and then the Black Watch, serving abroad with the rank of captain, mainly in Greece.

After the war he gave himself a complete change, and spent some months selling crabs on the streets of Exeter. His next change of direction took him into the prison service, and he spent tours of duty at Hollesley Bay Colony Borstal; Morton Hall Borstal, Lincolnshire; Wandsworth Prison, where he was deputy-governor; Latchmere House, where he was warden; and, finally, Governor of Winchester. Before he took over the reins at that establishment, however, he was given a sabbatical which he used to travel around the world.

Liesching was hailed in some quarters as a man of vision; he was a lay-preacher who determined to put his Christianity into practice. This he did throughout his prison career, but most especially (and most dramatically) at Winchester. Out of his own pocket he bought and wrapped Christmas presents for every prisoner in his care. He was also a practical administrator: at one time many of his fellow governors used his *vade mecum*, known in the service as "Liesching's Book of Rules".

In April, 1975, his exploits at Winchester raised the hackles of his own staff who rebelled *en masse* against his humanitarian treatment of the inmates. They nicknamed him "Googie Withers" (the female governor of a women's prison in a television series of the day). The incident delighted the national press, most of which rounded on the governor.

Despite the public clamour for his dismissal, Liesching rode out the storm with characteristic fortitude, and Roy Jenkins at the Home Office decided that he should stay. By the time he retired, however, in 1981, he and his staff had been happily reconciled, and they gave him a grand send-off.

But one final hurdle confronted him, and it proved insurmountable. He penned a hard-hitting account of the prison service as he saw it; but his manuscript, entitled *Between Two Stools*, was never published, despite having been sent to forty publishers.

Liesching did not believe in doing anything in half measure, and whatever he did was done with style and panache.

He never married.

DR TONY SWAIN

Dr Tony Swain, who died recently in a motoring accident, was a leading plant biochemist. His death deprives the world of plant biochemistry and phytochemistry of one of its most imaginative and stimulating members.

The first twenty years of his career were spent at the low temperature research station, Cambridge. These were followed by three years as Scientific Adviser in the Cabinet Office, and two years in the United States as visiting Professor, successively, at Yale and Harvard.

He returned to this country in 1970 and became director of the Agricultural and Food Research Council laboratory of biochemical systematics at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

From 1975 to 1986 he was chairman of biology at Boston University, and was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

After his retirement from Boston he returned to Kew, where, at the time of his death he was organizing a research programme involving the Royal Botanic Gardens and the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau's International Mycological Institute.

He was the author of numerous papers, and edited a number of books. But it is as founder and executive editor of two international journals — *Phytochemistry* and *Biochemical Systematics and Ecology* — that he will be chiefly remembered.

Swain was a cheerful, good-humoured extrovert, whose presence could be guaranteed to enliven as well as illuminate any debate.

DR UWE BARSCHEL

Dr Uwe Barschel, whose meteoric political career ended in his death in a Geneva hotel on October 11, at the age of 43, was Germany's youngest *Land* (State) prime minister when he was chosen to lead the government of Schleswig-Holstein at the age 38.

A rising star in the Christian Democratic Union, he was, in some quarters, tipped as a successor to Chancellor Kohl, as the party's leader.

Intellectually brilliant, Barschel trained as a lawyer. But politics was his chief interest. Ambitious and single-minded, he was active in CDU affairs from the age of 16. He was elected to the parliament of Schleswig-Holstein in 1971, and was soon one of its prominent members.

His marriage to Freya von Bismarck, a descendant of the Iron Chancellor, seemed to augur a glittering career.

Barschel came to more general prominence in 1981, when, as Schleswig-Holstein's Interior Minister, he was confronted with opposition from Green Party and other groups to the construction of the massive Brokdorf nuclear power station, on the Elbe estuary.

A hardline disciplinarian, Barschel addressed *himself* to the task of crushing the objectors with some zeal, and took the unusual step of calling in the Federal Border Guard to assist the police. There were bloody and widely publicized clashes. But the robust policy of Barschel carried the day.

When the premiership of Schleswig-Holstein became vacant, in 1982, Barschel, now the darling of the CDU in his state, was the natural successor.

Though his period in office was not marked by any spectacular increase in Schleswig-Holstein's prosperity, Barschel's position within the CDU was greatly enhanced. His being the sole survivor of an air crash earlier this year, reinforced the impression he gave of being a child of fortune.

But disaster waited in the wings. A fortnight before the *Land* elections, last month, *Der Spiegel*, the news magazine, claimed that he had attempted to smear his SPD opponent, Björn Engholm, placing him under surveillance and bugging his office.

The election, on September 13, was a disaster for the CDU, which saw its 37-year-old absolute majority wiped out.

In the climate of blame which followed this disaster further revelations about Barschel's behaviour set the seal on his political fate. He resigned his office on September 25, continuing to protest *his innocence.*

In the meantime Barschel himself, had gone on holiday, and was found dead in his bath in a Geneva hotel by a reporter from the magazine, *Stern.*

SIR GODFREY MORLEY

Sir Godfrey Morley, OBE, TD, a broad-minded member of the legal profession, and a former President of the Law Society, died on October 13. He was 78.

Godfrey William Rowland Morley was born on June 15, 1909, and educated at Westminster and Christ Church, Oxford. He was articled to Allen & Overy in 1931, and admitted solicitor three years later.

During the war he served with distinction in the Rifle Brigade and on the Staff, in the Middle East and Italy. He became a lieutenant colonel and was mentioned in despatches.

After the war, Morley returned to Allen & Overy where he remained until his retirement in 1979, latterly as a senior partner.

He established a reputation as a leading commercial solicitor, acting for major industrial companies and financial institutions, as well as advising prominent individual clients, among them the Duke of Windsor.

He served for many years on the council of the Law Society, and was elected its president in 1970/1.

In his inaugural speech, he called for a regular review of solicitor's pay.

He also advocated that solicitors ought to be allowed to plead in the higher courts — a right which they now do have, although in a limited way.

Morley gave generously of his time to worthy causes, particularly to the Thalidomide Children's Trust, and the committee on legal education of students from Africa.

His first wife, Phyllis, whom he married in 1934, died in 1963. His second wife, Sonia, whom he married four years later, survives him with their two sons, together with the twin sons and two daughters of the first marriage.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

My Father's glory is shown by your bearing much fruit: and in this way you become my disciples.
St. John 15 : 8

BIRTHS

BATE - On October 12th, at Cuckfield Hospital, to Nicoletta (née O'Brien) and Stephen: a daughter, Lucy Nicolette Emily, a sister for Marcus and Victoria.

BENTLEY - On October 7th, to Lois (née Buttin) and Martin, at Queen Charlottes Hospital a son James Frederick Thomas.

BURFORD - On October 14th, 1987, to Raymond and Ann, of Pelsall, Walsall, a son, Laurance James, a brother for Alexander.

CALLAHAM - On October 10th, at The Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow, to Tracey and Mark, a daughter, Sophie Clare.

CALTIEBI - On October 7th 1987, at Rochford Hospital, Essex, to Lesley (née Cook) and Adrian, a daughter, Anita Lesley.

CANN-ELLISON - On October 14th, to Catherine and John, a son.

CARTER - On October 12th, at Queen Charlotte's, to Rose and Nicholas, a daughter, Alexandra Katharine Fair.

CUMMING-BRUCE - On 9th October, to Antonia and Edward, a son, William.

DAVISON - On October 15th 1987, to James and Lynne, a son, Alexander William.

GIBSON - On October 10th, to Clare (née Trappes-Lomax) and Brian, a daughter, Emma.

LEESON - On Monday October 12th, at Roehampton to Helen (née Moore) and Michael a daughter Amelia (Amy) Louise.

RING - On October 14th, to Lizzie (née Herman) and Malcolm, a daughter, Emma Charlotte Jessie, a sister for Jonathan, Charles and Thomas.

SAWERS - On October 9th, at St. Luke's, Guildford, to Wendy (née Hurkett) and Nigel, a son, Charles James Maxwell, a brother for Emma and Laura.

SMITH on October 14th, at Whipps Cross Hospital, to Jackie and Peter, a son, Benjamin John.

SNOW - On June 5th 1987, in Torri del Benaco, Italy, to Mirella and Christopher, a daughter, Caroline Patricia.

SPEARMAN - On October 11th, at the Portland Hospital, London W1, to Alexandra (née Harris) and Richard, a daughter, Annabel Clare, a sister for Olivia.

STEWART - On October 11th, to Katherine (née Donville) and Alec, a daughter, Georgina Elizabeth.

THORNTON - On October 13th, to Alison (née Berry) and Christopher, a daughter.

TURNER - On October 13th, at Queen Charlotte's to Diana (née Weir) and Michael, a son, Maximilian George Mortimer, a brother for Freddie.

MARRIAGES

MARKHAM-ARMITAGE - On October 3rd, 1987, in Kingston-upon-Thames Parish Church, Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Markham of South Glamorgan, to David, son of Mr and Mrs Alan Armitage, East Lothian.

MOSLEY-LEVERTON - On October 3rd 1987, in Hornchurch, Malcolm, only son of the late William Atkinson Mosley and Constance Mosley, to Eve, only daughter of Ronald Leverton and Clemenline Leverton.

SANDS-HASELTINE - On September 26th, at The United Reformed Church, Newport Pagnell, John George Sands to Lynn Barbara Scott Haseltine.

DEATHS

ADAMSON - On Sunday, October 11th, peacefully in her sleep, Joy, of Goldhurst Terrace, West Hampstead. Joy will be sadly missed by her many friends. The cremation service will take place on Friday, October 16th at Golders Green Crematorium, East Chapel at 11.50 am. 624 Finchley Road, London NW11.

ANDERSON - On October 11th, peacefully at Mount Pleasant Nursing Home, Weybridge, Hilda Constance Willison, beloved sister of Freda, aunt of Colin and friend of so many. Funeral service at United Reformed Church, Weybridge, 10.15 am, October 19th followed by cremation at St John's Crematorium, Woking at 11.30. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the Girl Guides Association.

BLANDFORD - On October 13th, in hospital, Henry Fielding. For 50 years the much beloved husband of Jane de Burgh. Funeral service at Chichester Crematorium on Thursday 22nd October at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. If desired, donations in his memory to RNLI, West Quay, Poole, Dorset, would be appreciated. Enquiries to H. & L. Etherington & Son, Cobden Road, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 9JW. Telephone 0730 812569

BOOTH - On October 13th 1987, peacefully at home after a long and brave struggle against arthritis, Zoe. Wife of George, mother of Ann, Stella, Lindy and Patsy. Funeral service on Wednesday October 21st at the West Herts Crematorium, Garston, near Watford at 11.30am. Flowers may be sent to C.A. Nethercott & Son Ltd, 150 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar by 10am.

CURTIS - On October 14th, peacefully at home after a long disabling illness courageously borne, Bernard D. Curtis, aged 63 years. Much loved husband of Elizabeth and father of Stephen, Elizabeth and Timothy and grandfather of Louisa and Anna. Funeral Service at St. Bartholomews Church, Haselmere, on Tuesday October 20th at 3pm. Flowers to G.M.Luff and Partners Ltd, 84 Lion Lane, Haselmere, Surrey.

DOUGLAS-BROWN - On October 13th, peacefully, Vie, aged 89. Widow of Brig. Ivor Douglas-Brown, O.B.E., and beloved grandmother of Sarah Jane Parkinson. Funeral service 19th October at 2 pm at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Newbury. Enquiries to Camp Hopson, Funeral Directors, Newbury 43590.

EISENKLAM - On October 13th, Emeritus Reader Imperial College. He will be always loved by his wife, children, brother and family. Will be sadly missed by his many friends and colleagues. Cremation will be private and a memorial Service will be held at a later date.

GREENWOOD - On Saturday October 10th 1987, in hospital, Gertrude (née Aspden), aged 82 years. The dearly loved wife of the late John D. Greenwood and devoted sister of Dinah and Nancy, also a dear step-mother of Cynthia. Service will be held at Whalley Parish Church, on Monday October 19th at 1.30 pm, followed by cremation at Accrington Crematorium, reposing at The Chapel of Rest, 97 Darwen Street, Blackburn. Family flowers only please but, donations may be made in lieu of flowers, to The Burnley Trust Fund, c/o The Administration Building, Wrightington Hospital, Wigan WN6 9EP. Further enquiries to The Scales Funeral Service, telephone Blackburn 53911.

HANDLEY JONES - On October 6th, suddenly in France, Joan, wife of Tony, and mother of Nicholas and Susan. Funeral on October 19th, 12.00 pm at Amersham Crematorium. Flowers please to Sawyers Funeral Services, West St, Marlow, Bucks.

HORNBY - On October 14th 1987, peacefully at Thamesbank Nursing Home, Goring, Marian, widow of Albert S. Hornby and dearly loved step-mother of Phyllis and Margaret. Funeral service at Reading Crematorium on Wednesday October 21st at 2 pm. No flowers. All letters and enquiries please to C.H. Lovegrove, 114-116 Oxford Road, Reading, tel. 52016.

HUGHES - On October 14th 1987, peacefully at Thalassa House, East Preston, Constance Mabel, aged 85 years. Beloved wife of the late Benjamin Donald, and mother of John and the late Robert. A much loved grandmother of David, Graeme, Michael and Caroline. Cremation private. Cut flowers and all enquiries please to F.A. Holland & Son, Terminus Road, Littlehampton. Tel: Littlehampton 713939

HUGHESDON - On October 13th, Peter Edward Hughesdon. Funeral service at Hendon Cemetery, Holders Hill Road, NW7 on Tuesday October 20th at 2pm. Flowers may be sent to Leverton & Sons Ltd, 624 Finchley Road, NW11.

KERRISON - On October 10th at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Lucinda wife of Christopher Kerrison. Funeral Wednesday October 21st, 3.30 at Blythburgh Church, Suffolk. Contributions for Church flowers and Cancer Research to Pot et Fleur, Woodbridge (0394) 4109.

JONES - On October 13th 1987, peacefully at Kettering General Hospital, Reverend Canon Cheslyn Peter Montague, aged 69 years of Lowick Rectory, Northants. Formerly Principal of Chichester Theological College and Pusey House Oxford. Private Cremation. No flowers. Memorial Service to be announced.

LEWIS - On October 12th 1987, peacefully in Lausanne Switzerland, Leslie beloved husband of Andree and father of Stephen. Funeral in Switzerland.

LINTON - On October 14th, peacefully at home, Patrick Beverley Maples. Dear husband of Doreen and father of Penelope and John. Funeral 1.45pm Wednesday October 21st at Bradfield, Essex. Cremation Private. No flowers please.

MARSHALL - On October 13th 1987, at home in Reigstead, nr Sevenoaks, Kent, George John aged 80 years, husband of the late Dorothy Haldane. Service at St. Margarets Church, Halstead, nr Sevenoaks, on Friday October 23rd at 12.00 noon. Cremation at Tunbridge Wells at 4.00 pm. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation or Cancer Research, c/o Francis Chappell & Sons, 97 London Road, Sevenoaks, Kent. Tel 07332 450203. He will be sadly missed by all his friends.

MARTIN - On October 14th 1987, peacefully at home, D.H.R. (Ham). Much loved husband of Patience, father of Robert and grand father of Lucy and Sarah. Private cremation, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at The Parish Church of St. Clement, Sandwich at 11.30 am on Monday October 19th. No flowers but donations, if desired, to The Pilgrims Hospice, 56 London Road, Canterbury, Kent.

MITCHELL-COTTS - On October 10th - see Kerrison.

MORLEY - On October 13th 1987, Sir Godfrey William Rowland Kt. OBE. TD, husband of Sonia and of the late Phyllis Morley, father of Bryan, Philip, Angela, Elizabeth, Alexander and James and grandfather of 9 grandchildren. Cremation on Tuesday, October 20th at 11.00 am at The Surrey & Sussex Crematorium, Worth. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired, to the Marie Curie Foundation of 28 Belgrave Square, London SW1. Memorial service to be announced later.

REYNOLDS - On October 13th, suddenly, Elizabeth, beloved wife of Alleyne and much loved mother and grand mother. Private funeral: family flowers only please, but donations would be appreciated for Save the Children fund, Chelsea Branch, c/o 6 Milborne Grove, SW10 9SN.

SLATER - On October 10th, peacefully at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, Dr Alan E. Slater (Doc), aged 92 years. Last surviving son of Samuel Mills Slater and Mary Julia Slater of Walsall. Cremation at Cambridge Crematorium on Tuesday, 20th October at 3.00pm.

STANDFIELD - On October 11th 1987, peacefully at Reigate, Surrey. Service at at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Monday October 19th at 12 noon.

THOMPSON - On October 13th 1987, Commander John William Radcliffe Thompson, R.N., aged 81 years. Dearly loved husband of Dorothy, father of Robin. Service on Monday 19th October at St. Mary's Church, Stopham, near Pulborough, Sussex, 2.30pm followed by private cremation. No flowers please.

WRIGHT - On October 14th, 1987 Basil Charles at home. Son of Major Lawrence and Gladys (Paddy). Cremation private, memorial service later. Donations if desired to Mencap.

WYLDBORE-SMITH - On October 13th 1987, suddenly at home, Anthony Reginald, husband of the late Honor, much loved father, father in law, and grandfather. Funeral Service at Berkswell Parish Church on Tuesday October 20th, at 12.00 noon. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation Appeal, or the Cancer Research Campaign, c/o J. Dealey and Son, Funeral Directors, Kenilworth Rd, Balsall Common, Coventry.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

EVEREST - A memorial mass will be offered for Robert Laurence Everest at Westminster Cathedral on Thursday October 29th at 11am.

HUE-WILLIAMS. A memorial Service for Colonel Roger Hue-Williams O.B.E., T.D. will be held in St George's Church, Hanover Square, London W1 on Thursday 29th October 1987 at noon.

RUTH - A Memorial Service for Lieutenant Colonel P.R. Huth, D.S.O., M.C., will be held in St. George's Church, Hanover Square, London at 3 pm on Wednesday November 4th 1987.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

GRACE - Dr Hugh Gerard, October 1985. A Memorial mass will be offered at 11am on Sunday October 18th at the Carmelite Church, Kensington in loving memory of my husband. Sadly missed by his wife Carmel, Michelle, Janine and little son Ian.

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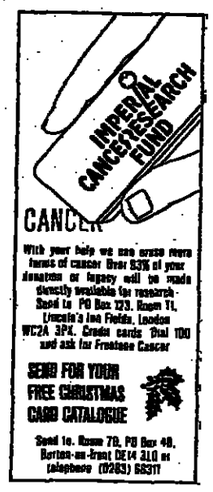
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THE ARTS

Just a box of jokes

There is enough to cry about these days: is there no one who can make us weep with laughter about it all? *Alas Smith and Jones* (BBC2) was back last night, back on the same old rails: television jokes about television programmes and television ads and television people. Jones plus funny nose meets Chris Searle trying to learn how to do a heart-transplant in eight days. Smith plus Jones in black-and-white makes old-fashioned police drama (but with suspiciously modern phones on the desk).

The funniest sketch of the show – at least it was the most nattily produced and staged – was the send-up of the ad for

TELEVISION

the Bank that Listens (until, that is, you have an overdraft); the truest sketch about our desperate absorption in television was the one about the television dinner to end all television dinners.

Since all comedy shows now have to end with the closing credits a few minutes early to allow for pay-off lines ("Next the *South Bank Show* – don't forget to switch off your set"), Smith and Jones had the bright idea of expunging all gratuitous bad language and offensive references from their show after discussion with the Home Secretary, and rolled the credits rather less than a minute after they had begun. Another television joke: how about the real world, chaps?

Meanwhile Rowan Atkinson has escaped the real world even more successfully, setting his *Doctor Who* craft down in Regency England for *Blackadder the Third* (BBC1). This is the best yet: the scripts by Richard Curtis and Ben Elton are a mixture of zany surrealism ("I pour ice-cubes down the vest of fate") and nice anachronisms ("The *Times* isn't what it used to be"), while the characters become ever sharper and the range of reference is ever wider.

Atkinson's own blend of spiky venom and cringing servility is unaffected by chronological change: last night saw him attempting to arrange a marriage for the Prince Regent with a balcony scene straight out of *Don Giovanni* with language to match from *Amadeus* – Simon Callow ought to have been in there somewhere.

Still, Tony Robinson's Baldrick, forever stuffing chickens, is priceless and it was wonderful to see Miranda Richardson escape from her whining voice to emerge in full *basso profundo* as a highwayman.

William Holmes

Fantasy of improbable fulfilment

THEATRE

Separation
Hampstead

Seven years ago, in *Duet for One*, Tom Kempinski took up the subject of a violinist struck down by multiple sclerosis. In this new two-hander he returns to the theme with the story of a writer who has been blocked since his success with a play that sounds remarkably similar to *Duet for One*.

Without following up that and other give-aways, it appears that some kind of authorial strip-tease is going on, and that the professional distance – between analyst and patient – which Mr Kempinski sustained in the earlier play is not to be found in this fable of a tormented artist reclaimed by the love of a good woman.

Played on a transatlantically divided set (by Sue Plummer), it opens with the sight of the grossly fat, unshaven Joe tearing himself away from his television dinner to take a call from a young off-off-Broadway actress who wants to revive his play as a means of resuming her career. It is a case of blocked writer meets paralyzed actress, each giving the other a fresh start. From these symmetries you would expect the relationship to develop on equal terms. But that is not how things work out.

Apart from her crutches, the neuropathic Sarah is the ideal witty, open-hearted New York girl. Joe, by contrast, is an emotional disaster-area: an agoraphobic recluse who lurches between patronage, ingratiation and spasms of unprovoked viciousness. And, in the early scenes of Michael Attenborough's production, it is fascinating to watch the heavily padded David Suchet adopting the various masks with which he holds the world at bay. He is clearly punishing others for some injury done to him long in the past; and you wait for the unveiling of this secret wound. You wait in vain.

The relationship pursues its course from theatrical discussion to a budding love-affair, and the prospect of an actual meeting in Belsize Park where Joe's creative juices are beginning to flow again. But, apart from some guarded admissions of parental neglect, we never learn what is wrong with him. And by this time one's interest in the characters' future is overshadowed by concern over their astronomical phone-bills.

In the actual encounter, a slimmed-down Mr Suchet receives his long-awaited guest in agonies of tender embarrassment, and then brutally slams the door on her. The only explanation is that Joe cannot find a place for her until he has found it in his heart to write a new play forgiving "them".

Art may spring from personal affliction; but it is sheer wish-fulfilment to equate auto-therapy with artistic success. So, too, is the idea that such a self-confessed "pain in the arts" as Kempinski's hero would arouse the indestructible love of a guardian angel, no matter how much he needed her. Her name tells you a lot: Sarah Wise. Saskia Reeves fully discharges that tutelary role. She also exercises devastating powers of attraction that eclipse her physical infirmities. No doubt that is what the author wanted. But it would be interesting to see this male fantasy restaged with a girl as physically unappealing as the man.

Irving Wardle

Donald Cooper



Keeping the world extravagantly at bay: David Suchet with Saskia Reeves

A spell down in the pit

Isaiah Jackson, recently appointed music director of the Royal Ballet, leads off the new season with *Swan Lake* at Covent Garden tonight: interview by Richard Morrison



Jackson: "Watershed year"

While Michael Tilson Thomas has been moving to the LSO's helm, another American conductor has quietly built a long-term relationship with the Royal Ballet. Isaiah Jackson's rise has been inexorable: he first appeared in London during the Dance Theater of Harlem's 1981 season (when he also became the first Black ever to conduct at Covent Garden); he conducted his first Royal Ballet performance in 1985, became Royal Ballet principal conductor in 1986, and now has consolidated his position by becoming music director as well.

During the summer Jackson eased a rigorous transatlantic travelling schedule by installing his wife and three children in a house in Hammersmith. He has also severed some American appointments, notably with the Rochester Philharmonic. "This is a watershed year for me", he admits. The inference is clear: having conducted most major American orchestras, Jackson, 42 this year, intends to make his mark on the European scene in more ways than via the Covent Garden pit.

"I have been an Anglophile ever since I knew where London was", he says, stretching out a lean, six-foot-plus frame. "I also think English orchestral players are probably the finest in the world. I look forward to increased contact with them."

What is the difference between being the Royal Ballet's principal conductor and being its music director? "Oh, more headaches! The music director also has to undertake administrative work. But one thing I am looking forward to is enlightening the musical public as to the beauties of ballet music. That's not too difficult a task with an orchestra like the Royal Opera House's, which plays stunningly, given half a chance."

Yet it seemed to many observers that, until Jackson's arrival, the ROH musicians had not exactly been straining every sinew over their Royal Ballet work. Jackson refuses to be drawn: "I don't know anything about the history. I'm part of the future." But he does sympathize with orchestras who feel "out of things" when playing for ballet. "In opera they can hear, when a tenor milks a high C for all its worth, *why* they must hold the chord on. Whereas in ballet the orchestra can't know what the great stage moments are, or why they are being asked to alter a phrase."

One of Jackson's aims is to encourage black children to come into classical dance.

"Naturally I feel a responsibilty to create opportunities for young black dancers within the Royal Ballet. The *corps de ballet* is like the Greek chorus: they are the 'people in the street'. In the years when you could walk down a London street and everybody was the same colour, a homogeneous *corps* truly reflected reality. Well, London streets now are technicolor. But we must really focus on black children who are in single digits, because if dancers are going to enter the Royal Ballet School they must be of potential professional standard by the age of 11."

Jackson is certainly well equipped to motivate such a project, for his work with several American orchestras involved hundreds of "outreach" concerts for families who would not normally go near the classical arts. With his appointment, along with such projects as the big-screen opera relays in the Piazza, the Royal Opera House is showing welcome signs of understanding the need to broaden its base of support. "You sometimes need to meet people more than half-way", says Jackson.

If black classical musicians are looking for a role-model, Jackson's own career must offer inspiration. Brought up in Richmond, Virginia (where a boyhood friend was the tennis player Arthur Ashe), he won a place at Harvard, where he read Russian history and literature. He found the language useful when rehearsing the Kirov Orchestra during the Royal Ballet's recent Russian tour, "except that I learnt my Russian from an old Ukrainian *émigré*, so the players found my expressions rather archaic".

The degree led straight to a plum Washington job, in the State Department ("with a very lowly security clearance!"). But Jackson's musical aspirations, flickering dangerously ever since he conducted *Così fan tutte* at Harvard, surfaced irresistibly. He went back to school – to the Juilliard School of Music – and then became assistant conductor to Stokowski with the American Symphony Orchestra and, from 1969, music director of the New York Youth Orchestra. "This was where I learnt the meat-and-drink repertoire."

Unfortunately, for the journalist, he had no "big break" – no last-minute substitution for an ailing maestro – just a steady climb to prominence by dint of personality and intelligence. "Perhaps I should have studied my voodoo a little better", says Jackson wryly. Many would say he has already cast a spell over the Covent Garden pit.

Hilarious search for objects of derision

Victoria Wood
Palladium



Victoria Wood: lumpy charm

Victoria Wood plods on to the stage in a multi-coloured coat. Redundantly horrible though it looks, the garment is about to serve a purpose. The woman who made it was colour-blind, Victoria Wood announces, opening a monologue of cheerful self-denigration. She is thrilled to be at the Palladium – "so close to Top Shop", almost as good as Brent Cross. The grand piano is a self-assembly model from MFI; her hair may look nice and glossy now but you should have seen it recently, when she tried to henna it, sitting in an airing cupboard for four days with a plastic bag on her head.

With five minutes of harmlessness behind her, Victoria Wood earns permission to be rude for the next two hours. Her search for objects of derision takes her on a rambling narrative around the front rooms and high streets of provincial, mainly lower-middle-class Britain, where she mixes aphorisms, stand-up fat-lady gags and memorably wicked observations on burger bars and Spud-U-Like – "like the DHSS with potatoes" – with gleeful impersonations of supermarket assistants, a noisesome toddler, an affected beautician enticing customers to try her "new lewk" make-up demonstration with the lure of a "suede-effect pochette packed to the draw-string with handy-size oddments".

Fleeing from these grotesques, with their twisted vowels and pretentious malapropisms, she runs into shops to commit tiny acts of anarchy – shouting "Polyester!" in Laura Ashley and unfolding the clothes in Benetton. Delivered with enormous, artless self-confidence, with an expression of humble cheek, her accounts of familiar humiliation – by hospital, by seaside bed-and-breakfast and by package-holiday representative – articulate some smothered British yearning for rebellion and violence.

If her tale of a pork-pie-hatted geriatric holding up the traffic in a brown Morris Minor which carries the legend "My other hat's a balaclava" has the audience weeping with merriment, her tale of shoving an innocent fellow traveller with an airline trolley "because I hated her" has them applauding with sympathy and relief.

Behind the wide-eyed look and lumpy northern charm is a strain of cruelty which Wood controls with droll ventures into farce and a succession of rollicking nonsense songs, filled with deft one-liners about smelly socks and hostess trollies. As the Palladium audience amply demonstrates, condoms, armpits and Y-fronted underpants still have a bright future in British comedy.

The lurking viciousness comes to the surface sometimes in the maudlin – her song about a baby chucked in a dustbin – and occasionally in bursts of satire in which she pillories the professional northern comic, with his clogs and outside toilets, or the grinning complacency of the British farce and its audience. Some unsettling things happen to Victoria Wood on her way to the Boots condom department, and sometimes you wish there were more of them.

Catherine Bennett

The Winter's Tale
Barbican

With this visually very pretty production, reviewed by Irving Wardle at its Stratford première, the last of the 1986 Shakespeares arrives at the RSC's London home. Along with the *Dream*, its surviving stablemate, it proclaims the curative power of love, helped in that case by fairy magic and in this case by the passage of time and long repentance.

The sets are beautiful, the costumes exquisite, and Terry Hands's direction of the Sicilian courtiers integrates them into the action as if they were individual personages, aghast in various ways at their king's crazed jealousy of his queen, simpering and cooing over the new-born baby girl. This achievement is all the finer considering that much of what these attendant lords initially say are lines of little help to character-building. You have to work hard with "Beseech your Highness!" and "Good, My Lord!".

Their costumes help: Regency in style and spotless white, this last a cliché now for the play, and originating I cannot say where or why, but perhaps from a line spat out by Leontes – "false as o'er-dyed blacks"; the point being that everyone except himself is true. Everyone except the rogue Autolycus (Joe Melia in typically merry form) and he wears fuchsia hues in the Turkish mode.

At the end of the play three of the courtiers, unidentifiable by name, twitter together about the happy happenings offstage, and the scene is a comic gem. But herein lies a problem with this production. While everything light-hearted is delightfully realized – Simon Russell-Beale, for example, presents a totally endearing Young Shepherd – the great serious sweep of the play, from crime through suffering to redemption, makes very little mark. To move us, the speaking does not need to be loud, and would be better not. Paul Shelley relies on decibels with his Leontes, but is only moving with his quietly rueful delivery in the closing scenes.

The second act does give us a pair of radiant young lovers: Nathaniel Parker, a Florizel who cannot take his delighted eyes off Penny Downie's Perdita, a girl who gives us the impression she would actually recognize the flower she mentions. The production has pleasant country dancing, first-rate playing by Richard Easton as a thoughtful Camillo, as well as crimson sunsets and a polar bear that is the stuff of nightmare – not really enough, however.

Jeremy Kingston

Composing for the moment

CONCERTS

LPO/Slatkin
Festival Hall

It is always heartening to encounter a foreign conductor willing and able to promote the new music of his own nation abroad. But in presenting to the British public for the first time Joseph Schwantner's *A Sudden Rainbow*, composed for the St Louis Symphony Orchestra in 1984, Leonard Slatkin surely did not uncover the most substantial work at his disposal. Indeed Schwantner's own, rather earlier, *Aftertones of Infinity*, available on disc, reveals a more impressive side of the composer, a poetic sensibility which communicates itself vividly yet shuns no profundities.

Here, however, Schwantner seems to have slipped into that tempting habit of composing for the moment, clothing his music in an enticing contemporary language but too readily resorting to brash bawdiness. A pity, since the piece begins promisingly, with an incandescent upward sweep of sound, and throughout there is no doubting the composer's fluency or his innate skill at orchestration. There is simply an overabundance of blaring brass and jangling percussion: too much to thrill to and not enough to reflect upon.

Walton's First Symphony is also, of course, a loud and heavily scored work in places, but its intent and its achievements are rather different. The work, after all, was a sudden (and sadly isolated) explosion which, when it was first heard in 1934, without its finale, ripped dramatically through the complacent surface of British musical conservatism as no other symphony did at the time, not even Vaughan Williams's Fourth.

Slatkin secured a reading which combined an abundance of colour, vivacity and lyricism with a good measure of that vital ingredient, tension, though even he could not prevent the finale flattening a little in its quieter moments. The playing of the London Philharmonic Orchestra was incisive both here and in the Schwantner, while the quality of their sound always stayed just on the right side of that thin dividing-line which distinguishes the exciting from the merely coarse.

Between these works there was something a little sweeter and more intimate, Bruch's First Violin Concerto. Ida Haendel played it just as one supposed she would – sonorously and with a great deal of feeling wisely tempered by solid, thoughtful musicianship.

Stephen Pettitt

RPO/Groves
Barbican

London needs another Beethoven orchestral series like it needs more rain. Well, outside the Barbican on Wednesday night there was steady drizzle, and inside there was the first concert of Raymond Gubbay's Beethoven Festival. A difficult choice; but some people went in.

There were still many empty seats, however – most unusual for a Gubbay promotion. Perhaps the idea of a festival (presented in association with the agents Harrison/Parrott) that showcases Cristina Ortiz playing the five piano concertos and Sir Charles Groves conducting all the symphonies does not answer the public's deepest cultural yearnings. Or perhaps the patrons of Mr Gubbay's other ventures this autumn – next week's "Teddy Bears' Concert" for instance – are not yet quite ready for Beethoven.

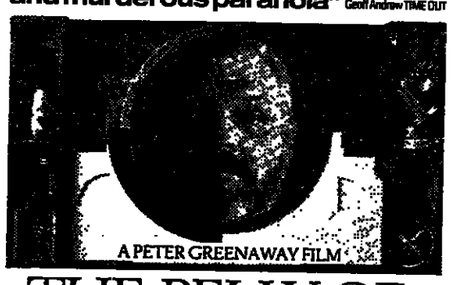
They are not the only ones, judging from Miss Ortiz's jejune playing in the Third Concerto. Lightweight to the point of inaudibility at crucial places, unsettled in passagework, immune to any interpretative complications caused by pondering too deeply the meaning of the notes, she seems like someone who has to cross a big ocean with a very small craft.

On the other hand, Groves and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra gave rock-steady, mainstream performances of the *Coriolan* Overture and the Third Symphony. The Barbican seems mysteriously to have acquired better acoustics lately, and in the "Eroica" funeral march, particularly, Groves pulled something out of the abyss of ordinariness with some tuttis of impressive richness.

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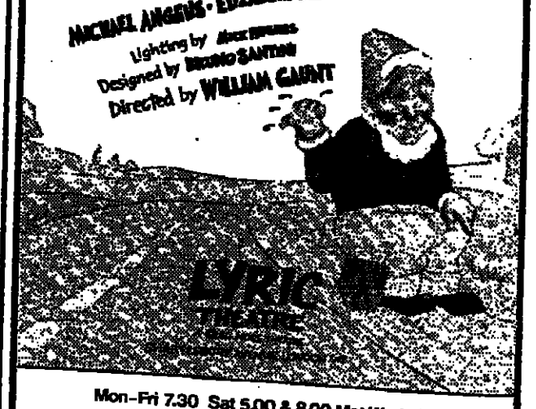
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Vogue for the gloss of old...



BARBARA AMIEL

One of my great weaknesses is up-market, glossy, women's magazines. I like their school-prefect tone as they cheer us into old-age with the thought that we can all enjoy stylish senility if we just keep a careful eye on choosing the right accessories, and not get stuck in old ideas. "The waist is no longer at its place", lectured *Vogue* last July, "but new up high or down low".

This season, two of the glossies have produced books as well: fashion writer Nicholas Drake has edited *The Fifties in Vogue*, and Nicholas Coleridge and Stephen Quinn, editor and publisher respectively of *Harpers & Queen*, have produced *The Sixties In Queen*. Why do these magazines have such appeal?

Marxist sociologists may come up with all sorts of grim ideas, citing avarice, greed and so on, but it seems to me that there is a much simpler reason. As it happens, existentialism never had much appeal for me, but its philosophers did articulate a fundamental truth: that we live in the here and now. What has been and will be is important, but in a limited sense; nothing is as important as what *is*. These publications clue us in on current values. They certainly pretend to no depth, but they are a survival aid. They are the current noises of the forest.

"Are you *au fait* with the Boulle Brothel Look?" asked *Harpers & Queen* in its September cover article, titled "Good Taste / Bad Taste". "Does the name George Bullock trip lightly off your tongue? Do you enthuse over faded paisley shawls ('Norwich are best') with a couple of holes in them? If not, then in the late-Eighties *Zeitgeist* terms, you are going nowhere – fast." *Zeitgeist*. Going nowhere fast. The Boulle Brothel look may start with Camilla in Chelsea, but it will dribble down to the high street in Kenton and then lawd help the home without its tattered paisley.

Our glossies brief us on the choices and behaviour likely to help us gravitate towards the centre of the circle rather than the fringes. Like our ancestors, we know that the creatures of the forest tend to take their toll from the fringes.

What is interesting, of course, is that while the surface of society seems to change enormously, underneath nothing changes very much. Real changes work with millennial or epochal slowness. In the very solemn introduction to *The Fifties in Vogue* we learn how the Fifties women are "in all careers and these women have homes and children." There are two kinds of female beauty, we are told. Fifties gentleman, says *Vogue*, prefer blondes. They particularly like ones with "pneumatic" busts, like Jayne Mansfield or Diana Dors. On the other hand, some men like the aloof, fragile elegance of Audrey Hepburn or model Fiona Campbell-Walter. Has it ever been otherwise, one is tempted to ask? Why do I still consider bleaching my hair or sucking in my cheeks?

These are the tom-toms in the jungle, beating out the gossip of the day

The *Vogue* world never touches on nasty realities, not the English *Vogue* anyway. The Fifties are an era of peace and prosperity and Formfit padded bras, which they certainly were of course – unless you happened to live in Hungary, say, or Korea, or somewhere awkward like that. Fortunately, while the American *Vogue* got a nasty attack of social relevance early on, and began running staunchly left-liberal articles on every conceivable subject, the Fifties in our *Vogue* remains the time of the Skylon, the Coronation – and the 1957 debut of the very last deb of all, Henrietta Tiarks, now the Marchioness of Tavistock.

What disappointed me in the book, though, was its concentration on *Vogue* as a cultural bible. There are lengthy chapters on art, theatre, music, gastronomy and "the big screen" – all the things we never bought *Vogue* for. But where is the marvellous, breathless prose describing fashion in the Fifties, that I still enjoy when I dig into my files of yellowed magazines? "We like the high spirits that orange gives to beaver brown", wrote *Vogue* in its February, 1954 issue. "We like its vigour with the experienced navy blue; we say 'go warily with black'; its density can be overbearing." Ah, what fearless copywriter thought of "experienced" as an adjective to describe that tired old navy?

The Sixties in Queen is quite another matter. This is the state of the art in the here-and-now glossy, and as such I defy you to put its book down without turning to the 1960 list of The 20 Most Eligible Men. What has happened, one wonders, to the Hon Dominic Elliot, whose opening gambit, we are told, was: "I'm learning to be a fashion model".



The Sixties in *Queen*: the Rolling Stones ("Five meteoric boys, average age 21"), with a model in a Mary Quant dress; they were listed as liking "women, science fiction, records, girls . . .", and photographed by Norman Parkinson in 1964

Coleridge tells me that *Queen* was the first magazine to come up with the idea of "lists". Lists of people who are In or Out. Lists rating the good weekend, rating society or the habits of the British upper classes. Compulsively readable, these are the tom-toms in the jungle beating out the gossip of the day.

Articles based on lists are like those one-minute party games where you mustn't stop talking. Essentially, they are as much nonsense as truth, but it doesn't matter.

I remember an ex-editor of the American magazine *W* explaining to me that ivory jewellery was to be on their In list. New York shops heard about this and filled their windows with displays of it. Unfortunately, there was a typist's error and ivory was transposed to the Out list. "My God, what shall we do?," moaned the editor. "Just say we changed our mind," said her superior at the magazine's editorial meeting, and from that issue on, ivory was decidedly Out.



The Fifties in *Vogue*: model Fiona Campbell Walter, "as finely bred as a champion greyhound", photographed by Cecil Beaton in 1954

And where did all the wonderful eye-lined beauties of *Queen*, frozen in their petticoat dresses ("indisputably the greatest little dress for this winter's little evenings out") go?

I asked Betty Kenward, also known as Jennifer of the diary, about the five "Debs With A Difference" picked in 1962 as being "very different from what debs used to be . . . These young creatures are mostly interested in things outside the 'season': in getting a job and making a contribution." Mrs Kenward was not sure, although she left word that she thought they were happily married. Well, they are, and all to gentleman with at least four names and quite often addresses in Scotland or houses that are not on a street.

We think we are all so different, each generation, each angry young man and gallery of rejects. Which is why it may be useful to hold up the collective mirror of society and see its reflection in these magazines. It is only a mirror-image of course. It is not an X-ray machine or chemical analysis. It tells us nothing about the deeper internal workings of the organism. When *Queen* went to the People's Republic of China in 1959 it saw only the starkly-beautiful Cartier-Bresson photographs of the People's Militia, not pictures of the millions sent to re-education camps in the "anti-rightist campaign of 1957". But with a bit of common sense one can extrapolate from the images, and discern some essential truths about our time. And the hemlines we wore as well.

...and a woman to put Harrods back in vogue

The unerringly good advice on style which has been so indispensable to the Princess of Wales is now to be used to add gloss to the Harrods image.

Today's announcement of the appointment of unofficial royal image-maker Anna Harvey as creative director of the store reveals more about the direction Harrods will be taking than any of the other senior changes made earlier this week. More interestingly, it reveals much about the complex social ambitions of the store's owner and executive chairman, Mohamed Al-Fayed.

The choice of Harvey, the fashion director of *Vogue*, will give the Egyptian tycoon's team the one element he was shrewd enough to see it lacked – reassuringly English good taste and the right connections to ease all those social and promotional events that an institution like Harrods regularly must host. With this paragon of elegance steering him Al-Fayed acquires, above all, establishment credibility.

Harvey, a fine-boned and slender 42-year-old invariably dressed with little make-up and with pared-down chic in simple numbers by Calvin Klein or Alàia, is a skilled organizer known not just for her style but for her ability to pull people together with charm. Her impeccable taste has been honed in the 18 years she has worked as a fashion editor with Condé Nast, first on *Brides* and then on *Vogue*. Responsibility for some of London's plushest and most upmarket charity galas in recent years has been another showcase for her exquisite style, most notably her masterminding of the red and gold Birthday Ball at the Royal Albert Hall two years ago and other fashionable events in aid of Birthright, of which the Princess of Wales is patron.

Harvey's relationship with the Princess is a subject she always discreetly avoids and one that she says never even cropped up in her three meetings with Al-Fayed. They are good friends and lunch together occasionally, but the Princess "is entirely self-sufficient in planning her own wardrobe," Harvey insists. "I only step in when she has a special need."

In recent years Harrods has come dangerously close to being a tourist theme park; local Sloanes seldom brave the throngs, but the Princess of Wales and other members of the Royal Family are still known to shop there.



Queen of the shop: Anna Harvey

It was barely three weeks ago that Harvey was first summoned to talk to Al-Fayed and discuss his driving obsession, Harrods, and her possible place in it. "It was as vague as that," she says. "He recognized there was a gap in his team somewhere and he asked me what I could do about it." The brief he has given her is both broad and ambitious. "He wants its image projected in the right way," she says. "I don't want to buy and I don't want to sell. Mohamed is delighted with what Clare Stubbs (director of Fashion) is doing with the fashion floor. She might occasionally like a second opinion. Condé Nast is the most marvellous training ground. It teaches you to seek out excellence. You must never make do with second best."

That long-time editor of *Vogue*, Beatrix Miller, has a high opinion of her protégé. "All this cross-fertilization of talent between fashion retailing and magazines is most interesting. Anna has unerring taste." Other *Vogue* staffers have recently been tempted into the commercial fashion world: Grace Coddington, senior fashion director, moved to New York as design director at Calvin Klein, and Liz Tilberis was on the point of joining Ralph Lauren in New York when she was appointed editor.

Harrods used to employ a style figurehead. Laurie Newton-Sharpe, still an elegant beauty aged 80, set a high standard in entertaining and fashion image-making in the Sixties, and was succeeded by the no less formidable Mary Gunther. It is a role American retailers understand but they tend to combine it in someone with hard-nosed commercial skills, which Harvey is the first to admit she has yet to acquire.

Married to a barrister, Jonathan Harvey, her impeccably-run life is divided between her job, her private charity work and her three children, two sons aged 16 and 14 and a daughter of nine. Her new job, which she starts in December, will demand less travelling and allow her more time to spend with her family, but she does not underestimate the scale of her task. "It is such an exciting challenge. Having talked to Mohamed I had no doubts about the move. His exhilaration at owning Harrods is contagious."

Liz Smith

TALKBACK

Not the fair sex

From Ronald Harman, Latham Road, Southport, Merseyside

Your serialization of Naim Attallah's *Women* ("Women talking", October 5-9) is a gross insult to ordinary women whose views are ignored in favour of a handful of female personalities.

Ordinary women do not have the wealth which relieves the stress of relationships, yet the rate of divorce of rich or successful women is higher than the norm. Why? Because they relate, or marry for the wrong reasons, namely looks, wealth or power.

If men were truly emancipated in the emotional world, that is, if women proposed and men accepted proposals, the divorce rates would be halved overnight. A simple truth pertains: while women remain poor judges of male virtues, divorce will be commonplace: if men were allowed to be the judge of female virtues, relationships and marriage would be safeguarded.

From Mrs Jill Gordon, Maida Avenue, London W2

A lot of your readers must have cherished the notion up till now that, on average, women are the intellectual equals of men. If they think now that that was an illusion, shattered by the unbelievable banality of the comments collected by Mr Attallah, they might consider this: it was an unbelievably banal idea to make the collection in the first place – and that was the idea of a man.

From G Lumley, Kimberley Road, Chingford, London E4

Assuming that the new article of leftish dogma expounded by Miss Lipman is true ("All intelligent women hate Mrs Thatcher"), are we to deduce that she really worships the Prime Minister?

From Mrs E Rodgers, Pulborough Road, Storrington, West Sussex

Marghanita Laski announces: "Margaret Thatcher is felt by *everyone* now to be a dislikeable woman".

At the Conservative conference, women are reported to have risen *en masse* to cheer Cecil Parkinson, who exploited his wife, mistress and daughter born outside marriage.

What can these attitudes tell us about feminism and women in general? They tell me that most women consider themselves innately inferior to men; they resent any woman who dares to place herself in a position of equality alongside them, and that they simply expect to be exploited by males and accept that as their natural place in life.

From Barbara M Pederson, Wimblington Road, Manea, Cambridgeshire

To Lady Annabel Goldsmith, I would say that "the wives who set such store by fidelity" are not mad. On the contrary, we are totally sane, safe and secure in marriages which are blessed with solid values based on mutual love and respect, forsaking all others, till death us do part.

I am married to someone who shares my views. That is why I am saying it.

From R J Martin, Hook Heath Road, Woking, Surrey

I was saddened to read Charlotte Rampling's reported remark that she had had three abortions before the age of 26. I was astonished to read in the following day's *Times* from the same lady: "I agree entirely with feminism, if it is equal opportunity. If you want to become the other sort of feminist, it means that biologically you are imbalanced. You don't have the basic normal urges to procreate, to want to protect and bring up your children . . ."

I am at a loss to understand the correlation between the destruction of three unborn children and the urge to procreate and protect those children. I am also at a loss to understand why you print such rubbish.

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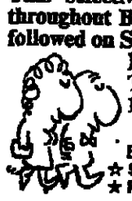
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Lyric Theatre, King Street W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat 4pm, £5-£10.

☆ **A LIE OF THE MIND:** Fine acting team in new Sam Shepard play exploring family tensions in the Mid West.
Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square SW1 (01-930 1745). Tube: Sloane Square. Previews until Oct 19, 7.30pm. First night Oct 20, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.30pm. mats from Oct 24 on Sat 2.30pm. £4-£12.

☆ **SEPARATION:** David Suchet and Saskia Reeves in another two-hander play by Tom Kempinski, author of *Duet For One.*
Hampstead Theatre Club, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (01-722 9224). Tube: Swiss Cottage. Mon-Sat 8-10.15pm, mats Sat 4.30-6.45pm, £6-£7.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business Of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). . . ☆ **Me And My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4) . . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) . . ★ **Phantom Of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

GLASGOW: ☆ **Joan of Arc:** Robert David Macdonald's production of his own new version of Schiller.
Citizens' Theatre, Gorbals (041 429 5561), Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £3.

GUILDFORD: ☆ **Pride and Prejudice:** Ian Carmichael in attractive adaptation of Jane Austen.
Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Millbrook (0483 60191), Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, mats Thurs 3.00pm and Sat 5pm, £6.50-10.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ **Advance booking possible**

ANGEL HEART (18): Mickey Rourke's down-at-heel detective pursues a missing person to the voodoo underworld of New Orleans. (94 min).
Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252). Progs 1.45, 5.00, 8.20.

■ **LA BAMBA (15):** Conventional biography of the Mexican-American rock legend Richie Valens (100 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.20, 6.00, 9.10.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.10, 3.35, 6.00, 8.30, 11.15.
Cannon Tottenham Court Rd (01-636 6148). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 6.00, 8.25, 11.15.

■ **BEVERLY HILLS COP II (15):** Eddie Murphy again (103 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.15, 8.30, 11.00. (D)
Cannon Bayswater (01-352 5096). Progs 1.05, 3.25, 5.45, 8.25, 11.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.35, 3.50, 6.05, 8.30, 11.20.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.10, 8.30, 11.15.
☎ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 12.15, 2.30, 4.45, 7.00, 9.15, 11.30. (D)

■ **THE BIG EASY (18):** Uncertain mixture of sex comedy and police thriller (95 min).
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 8.45.

■ **FULL METAL JACKET (18):** Stanley Kubrick's meticulously filmed Vietnam drama, following Matthew Modine and other recruits from basic training to combat. (115 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.20.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.10, 3.25, 5.50, 8.15, 11.15.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.05, 3.35, 6.05, 8.35, 11.10.

HOPE AND GLORY (15): John Boorman's autobiographical account of an ordinary family living through the extraordinary days of the London blitz (113 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.15, 5.25, 8.10.
☎ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-839 7697). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.30.

■ **LETHAL WEAPON (18):** Confused but glossily packaged thriller in praise of violence and revenge, with Mel Gibson and Danny Glover(109 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.30, 6.10, 9.20.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40.

■ **THE LIVING DAYLIGHTS (PG):** Timothy Dalton follows in distinguished footsteps when he assumes the mantle of James Bond (130 min).
Odeon High Street Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.15, 4.15, 8.00.

■ **OUTRAGEOUS FORTUNE (15):** Formula material, given a special sparkle by Shelley Long and Bette Midler (100 min).
☎ **Odeon High Street Kensington** (01-602 6644). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.10, 8.40.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.15, 8.40.

■ **THE UNTOUCHABLES (15):** Eliot Ness's gangbusters go after Al Capone in Brian De Palma's entertaining drama (120 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.55, 4.55, 7.55, 11.00.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.25, 5.15, 8.10, 11.20.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.10.
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-437 1234, cc 01-930 7615). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30, 11.30.
☎ **Screen on the Green** (01-435 8366). Progs 3.55, 6.30, 8.45, 11.15.

GALLERIES

SOVIET VOICES: Posters from the Russian Revolution to celebrate its 70th anniversary.
Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, London SE1 (01-735 8922). Mon-Sat 10am-5.50pm, Sun 2-5.50pm, until January 10.

JULIA MANHEIM AND RICHARD LA TROBE BATEMAN: Jeweller and furniture maker become sculptor and bridge-builder in this innovative show.
Contemporary Applied Arts, 43 Earlham Street, London WC2 (01-836 6993), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 11am-5pm, free, until November 14.

TOP FILMS AND VIDEOS

LONDON:

1	(-)	Beverly Hills Cop II
2	(1)	The Untouchables
3	(2)	Angel Heart
4	(8)	Hope and Glory
5	(3)	Full Metal Jacket
6	(4)	Outrageous Fortune
7	(5)	The Living Daylights
8	(6)	Lethal Weapon
9	(7)	La Bamba
10	(-)	River's Edge

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OUTSIDE LONDON:

1	The Untouchables
2	Full Metal Jacket
3	Blind Date
4	La Bamba
5	Outrageous Fortune

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UNITED STATES:

1	(1)	Fatal Attraction
2	(2)	Like Father, Like Son
3	(-)	Princess Bride
4	(-)	Someone to Watch Over Me
5	(-)	Surrender
6	(4)	Dirty Dancing
7	(2)	The Principal
8	(3)	Stakeout
9	(-)	Three O'Clock High
10	(-)	Baby Boom

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VIDEO RENTALS:

1	Crocodile Dundee
2	Ferris Bueller's Day Off
3	The Mission
4	The Mosquito Coast
5	Big Trouble In Little China

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The Times stories that inspired the pictures: top, November 7 1986; bottom, May 22 1987



An exhibition of recent work by Maggi Hambling, well known to Channel 4 viewers as the bow-tied, forceful critic of the quiz programme *Gallery*, opens today at the Serpentine Gallery, and includes three works influenced directly by news photographs in *The Times*. Her "history paintings" began in 1985, when, she says, "I opened the paper and there was this picture of a Shia Muslim woman screaming, after her village had been raided by Israeli troops." She found it so moving that she pinned the cutting on her studio wall and set to. The large painting that resulted reproduces it faithfully - the woman raising her hands and her cry in agonised unity. In the catalogue, the National Gallery curator, Alistair Smith, compares it to The Scream, by Munch, adding that "Hambling makes the event visually more potent and meaningful than can any newspaper photograph or television broadcast." Eighteen months later, she was struck by a picture of an Iraqi woman bearing a rocket launcher, and the same process began (top left). She finished the series this summer after seeing John Rogers's back page shot of the archaeological dig at the Royal Mint: an aerial view of skeletons laid out in a honeycomb of individual graves. Her picture (top right) takes a detail from it: "I first thought this one was shocking, but the more I looked, the funnier it seemed. These two are having a chat; this one expresses effrontery. The one that's laughing I took to be a self-portrait." Hambling, the first artist in residence at the National Gallery, in 1980, has never had qualms about taking her place among the stars. In 1983 she produced a remarkable series of portraits of the comedian Max Wall — now all made up and clowning around; now a human wreck in his changing room. The latest exhibition demonstrates her humour and compassion, particularly towards the old, and includes visionary landscapes reminiscent of Samuel Palmer and William Blake. There is also a series based on a bullfight in Barcelona. Some of her bulls are lusty, like Picasso's; others show her distaste. "It's horrible seeing an innocent animal degraded, but I began to realize that a bullfight is a work of art. The greatest art is always confronting life and death." Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, London W2 (01-402 6075); 10am-5pm. *Sarah Jane Checkland*

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **NEW PEHKONEN:** In a Midday Prom Edward Downes conducts the BBC Philharmonic in Bliss's Introduction and Allegro and Bernard Stevens's Symphony No 2. Peter Nokes and Helen Krizos solo in the world première of Elis Pehkonen's Concerto for Two Pianos and Orchestra, a BBC commission.
Royal Northern College of Music, 124 Oxford Road, Manchester (061-273 4504). 12.15pm, £2.50. (D)

☆ **PEACEFUL SHADE:** The Wren Consort include Purcell's *Cheron, the Peaceful Shade Invites* and Sequence from *King Arthur*, Handel's *Let the Bright Seraphim*, Bach's Pastorale BWV 590.
St Anne and St Agnes, Gresham Street, London EC2 (01-373 5566), 1.10-1.50pm, free.(D)

EVENING

☆ **NEW PHILHARMONIC:** Marek Janowski conducts Le Nouvel Orchestre Philharmonique in Weber's *Freischutz* Overture, Fauré's *Pelléas et Mélisande* Suite, Richard Strauss's *Till Eulenspiegel* and Peter Donohoe solos in Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 3.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1, (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.25pm, £4-£15. (D)

☆ **NEW HARPSICHORDIST:** Smiljka Isakovic, "Yugoslavia's first lady of the harpsichord," makes her London debut with sonatas by Scarlatti and Soler.
Wigmore Hall, 36, Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £2.50-£5. (D)

☆ **HACKER/RNCMSE:** Alan Hacker conducts the Royal Northern College of Music Sinfonia Ensemble in Kellett's *Song of Numbers*, Knussen's *Ophelia Dances*, Birtwistle's *Tragoedia*, Butler's *From an Antique Land* and an Octet by Sweeney.
Royal Northern College of Music, 7.30pm, £2.50. (D)

JAZZ

☆ **STEVE LACY:** Master of the modern soprano saxophone, backed by drummer Steve Arguelles. Support provided by pianist Howard Riley and Sheffield sax quartet Hornweb, tipped as rivals to Itchy Fingers.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928-3191), 7.30pm, £5.

☆ **DON CHERRY'S NU:** Ornette Coleman's ex-associate leads a band of first-rate improvisers.
Dunhelm House, New Elvet, Durham (091-3843720), 8pm, £3.

☆ **IRAKERE:** Definitive Cuban jazz. The support set, from a quintet led by ex-Blakey tenor Jean Toussaint, should be equally engrossing.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439-0747), 9.30pm, £8 (members £6).

☆ **CLARK TRACEY QUINTET:** Exemplary homegrown bop.
Buff's Head, Lonsdale Road, London SW13 (01-876-5241), 8.30pm, £3.50.

☆ **NORWICH JAZZ FESTIVAL:** Opens with concert by Loose Tubes.
University of East Anglia, Norwich (0603 56161), 8pm, £4.50.

OPERA

☆ **WERTHER:** New Victorian era production by Keith Warner, black on black. Ann Murray and Arthur Davies give riveting performances.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.15pm, £2-£21.50. (D)

☆ **HMS PINAFORE:** Revival of Christopher Renshaw's popular production for New Sadler's Wells Opera. London run before tour.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-10pm, £3.50-£16.50. (D)

☆ **PYGMALION/DIDO:** Rameau and Purcell join the tour in Kent Opera's Baroque double bill.
The Marlowe, Canterbury (0227-767246), 7.15-10.15pm, £4-£17.50.

☆ **THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO:** Peter Gill's new production for Opera North with Robert Hayward and Helen Field, conducted by Stephen Barlow.
Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 459351), 7.15-10.30pm, £3.80-£17.80. (D)

☆ **DIE FLEDERMAUS:** Welsh National Opera's attractive 1920 s style production.
Hippodrome, Birmingham (021 622 7486), 7.15-10.30pm, £8-£19. (D)

☆ **FALSTAFF:** City of Birmingham Touring Opera's enterprising pocket sized production by Graham Vick.
Town Hall, Stourbridge, (0384 50333). 7.30-10.30pm, £2-£4. (D)

DANCE

☆ **SWAN LAKE:** Bryony Brind dances the lead for the opening performance of the Royal Ballet season.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.30pm, £1-£30.

☆ **ROSAS:** Anne Teresa de Keersmaeker's highly skilled group from Belgium come to Dance Umbrella with a new Bartok programme.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith (01-748 3354), 8-9.30pm, £6.

☆ **STRONG LANGUAGE:** Richard Alston's latest creation for Rambert Dance Theatre, given with Siobhan Davies's *Rushes* and Christopher Bruce's *Dancing Day*.
Theatre Royal, Royal Parade, Plymouth (0752 669595), 7.30-9.45pm, £3-£6.50.

☆ **LA FILLE MAL GARDEE:** Ashton's romantic comedy for Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet.
Derngate, Guildhall Road, Northampton (0604 24811), 7.30-9.45pm, £4-£14.50. (D)

ROCK

★ **BRYAN ADAMS:** A straightforward rock'n'roll show of blistering musical precision from Canada's mild man of rock.
Bournemouth International Centre, Exeter Road (0202 297297) 7pm, £8.50.

☆ **CHUCK BROWN & THE SOUL SEARCHERS:** The man from Washington DC credited with "inventing" the souped-up funk called Go Go.
Astoria, 157 Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (01-434 0403) 7pm & 11pm (two shows) £7, for two nights.

☆ **RORY GALLAGHER:** His recent *Defender* album marked a return to form for the old Irish roustabout.
Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (01-748 4081) 7.30pm, £8-£8.50.

☆ **THE CHRISTIANS:** Start of a tour, and the first appearances since brother Roger jumped ship during the recording of their newly released debut album.
Coventry Polytechnic, Priory Street (0203 21167) 7.30pm, £5.

☆ **THE BHUNDU BOYS:** Swirling African rhythms and cheery high-life guitars dominate their smoothly professional performances.
Liverpool University Guild Of Undergraduates, 2 Bedford Street North (051 709 4744) 7.30pm, £4.

☆ **BOB DYLAN WITH TOM PETTY & THE HEARTBREAKERS:** The ex-spokesman of a generation and his journeyman accomplice.
Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234) 7.30pm, £13-£15.50, also tomorrow.

WALKS

UNDERWORLD LONDON — FAGIN'S FRIENDS: meet Museum of London, 2.30pm, £2.75.

SHERLOCK HOLMES WALK: meet Embankment tube, 11am, £2.25.

HISTORIC WESTMINSTER: meet Westminster tube, 2pm, £2.25.

HISTORIC CHELSEA VILLAGE: meet Sloane Square tube, 11am, £2.50.

THOMAS BECKET'S MURDER & THE CANTERBURY TALES: meet St Paul's tube, 11am, £3.

ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE REVEALED: meet Holborn tube, 2pm, £2.50.

LEGAL LONDON — INNS OF COURT AND OLD BAILEY: meet Temple tube, 10.30am, £2.50.

HAUNTED LONDON — A GHOST WALK: meet Covent Garden tube, 7.30pm, £2.50.

OTHER EVENTS

MEET THE VICTORIANS: Poetry, prose and song by the Crescent Theatre Company. National Trust event.
Coughton Court, near Alcester, Warwickshire (0789 762435) 7.30pm. £5 to include interval drink.

CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL : The Royal Shakespeare Company's dramatised reading of Shakespeare's *Venus and Adonis*.
Everyman Theatre, 2.30pm. £2.50. Also: *The Making of Nicholas Nickleby*, seminar by David Edgar on the dramatisation of the novel.
Town Hall, 6.pm. £2.50.Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. Box Office (0242 523690).

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

THE SWEDISH NIGHTINGALE: To mark Jenny Lind centenary, with recital by Elisabeth Söderström and Geoffrey Parsons; Bach Mass in B Minor; laying of wreaths and unveiling of plaque. Oct 31-Nov 2.
Winter Gardens, Grange Road, Great Malvern, Worcestershire. (0684 892277).

WHIRLIGIG CHILDREN'S THEATRE: *The See-Saw Tree*, a new play with music by David Wood. Dec 8-12.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1. (01-278 8916; 240 7200 credit cards; 278 0855 information).

LAST CHANCE

WILLIAM CARRICK: Photos of 19th century Russia by Scottish photographer.
Scottish National Portrait Gallery, 1 Queen Street, Edinburgh. Ends Sunday (031 556 8921).

JOHN PIPER: Paintings brought together to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Georgian Group.
Marlborough Fine Art, 6 Albemarle Street, London W1. (01-629 5161) Ends today.

MATTHEW SMITH: Paintings, watercolours and drawings selected from Corporation of London's Smith collection.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2. (01-638 4141) Until Sunday.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshang; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. **6.30** Edgar Kennedy in Fish Feathers (b/w). **6.55** Weather. **7.00** Breakfast Time includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**. **8.40** Open Air. Susan Rae and Natalie Anglesey receive viewers' comments on last night's television programmes. To participate ring 061-814 0424. **8.55** Regional news and weather. **9.00** News and weather followed by Neighbours (r). **9.20** Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject. **10.00** News and weather followed by Going for Gold. Quiz show (r). **10.25** Children's BBC presented by Andy Crane beginning with Play School (r) and Grani (r). **0.55** Five to Eleven. Robert Glenister with a thought for the day **11.00** News and weather **11.05** Open Air presented by Susan Rae and Eamonn Holmes. **12.00** News and weather followed by Dr Kildare. Episode four (r). **12.25** Only Fools and Horses. . . Del decides that there is money to be made in the tourist industry (r). **12.55** Regional news and weather. **1.00** One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather **1.30** Neighbours. Madge has a surprise visitor. **1.50** Film: Love is a Many Splendored Thing (1955) starring Jennifer Jones and William Holden. Love story, based on the autobiographical novel by Han Suyin, about a widowed Eurasian doctor and an unhappily married American journalist. Directed by Henry King **3.25** Ask Margo. Margo MacDonald with the latest news and developments in welfare and benefits. **3.40** Woody Woodpecker **3.50** Corners. **4.10** SuperTed (r). **4.15** What's All This Then? includes music from the Christians. **4.55** Newsround **5.05** Grange Hill. Episode six (r). (Ceefax) **5.25** Roland Rat — the Series. The guests are Karen Kaye, Gary Glitter, Samantha Fox and Go West (r). **6.00** Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather. **7.00** Wogan. The guests are Shirley Maclaine, Sheila Hancock and, with a song, the Chieftains. **7.40** Blankety Blank presented by Les Dawson. His guests are Beverley Adams, Frank Carson, Barry Cryer, Christian Dion, Su Ingle and Nina Myskow. (Ceefax) **8.15** Twenty-One Years of the Two Ronnies. Messrs Barker and Corbett present selected sketches from their fruitful comic partnership. (Ceefax) **9.00** Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Debbie Thrower. Regional news and weather. **9.30** Pulaski. Episode three of the serial about the drunken star of a television detective serial. (Ceefax) **10.20** Omnibus: The Arts and Glasnost. Artists are the subject of this second of three films about cultural changes in Russia under Gorbachov. **11.20** Film: Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? (1966, b/w) starring Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor. Drama about a middle-aged professor and his wife who, after a party, invite a new lecturer and his wife back for drinks. During the course of the evening a bitter verbal sparring match between the professor and his wife descends into a mutual character assassination exercise. Directed by Mike Nichols. **1.25** Weather.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax **9.30** Daytime on Two: a Perthshire farm **9.52** Part four of a ghost story **10.15** A newspaper office **10.38** Blackburn's textile industry **11.00** Storytime **11.18** Maths **11.35** Nuts and berries **12.00** Part three of *A Taste of Honey* **12.35** Do class 5E want democracy? **1.05** Apprentices on Austria **1.20** For the very young **1.38** Choices in the third year **2.00** News and weather **2.02** For four- and five-year olds. **2.15** Sport on Friday introduced by David Icke. International Golf: second round action in the Suntory World Matchplay Championship. Includes news and weather at **3.00** and **3.50**. **5.30** Food and Drink Summer Quiz presented by Chris Kelly (r). (Ceefax) **5.00** Film: Tarzan's Desert Mystery (1943, b/w) starring Johnny Weissmuller. The jungle hero is taken prisoner by enemy agents while travelling across the desert to collect life-saving herbs. In trying to escape he does battle with a lion, giant lizards and a monster spider as well as Nazi spies. Directed by William Thiele. **7.05** Hot Wheels 'n' Big Deals. Skateboarders perform to rock 'n' roll music (r). **7.30** The Education Programme examines the implications of Mr Baker's new Education Bill. **8.00** The Friday Report. Has the south-east's house price boom burst? Vivian White investigates **8.30** Gardeners' World is preparing for winter in Barnsdale. With Geoff Hamilton, Anne Swithinbank and John Kelly. **9.00** Foreign Bodies. Comedy love story of a Protestant and a Roman Catholic. **9.30** Peter Ustinov's Russia. Part five examines the effects of the October Revolution and the two World Wars and includes poet Yevgeni Yevtushenko reciting his famous work about the massacre of Jews by the Nazis in the Ukraine, *Babi Yar*. **10.20** Newsnight **11.05** Weather. **11.10** International Golf. Highlights of the day's play in the Suntory World Matchplay Championship. Ends at **11.55**.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am introduced by Kay Burley and Richard Keys. News at **6.00** and **6.30**; weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; financial news at **6.35**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55**. **7.00** Good Morning Britain includes news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; and pop music at **7.55**. Plus, Jimmy Greaves's television highlights. After Nine includes Russell Grant's predictions for the week ahead. **9.25** Thames news headlines. **9.30** Runway. Travel quiz presented by Chris Serle **10.00** Santa Barbara. American soap **10.25** News headlines **10.30** The Time. . .The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject. **11.10** Rainbow. Learning with puppets and guest, Pat Coombs (r). **11.25** Thames news headlines **11.30** Wildabout. The flora and fauna of Jersey's coastline **12.00** Jimmy's. Another visit to St James's University Hospital, Leeds. **12.30** News with Julia Somerville **12.50** Thames news. **1.00** Superbowl. Quarter-final action in the Liverpool Victoria Insurance indoor bowling competition, introduced by Elton Welsby in Manchester. **3.00** Take the High Road. Effie has to decide between a hotel and the Big House; and Sheila has come to an unexpected conclusion about the notice in the newspaper **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30** Sons and Daughters. Australian family drama serial. **4.00** Cockleshell Bay. Seaside adventures of the Cockle twins (r). **4.10** The Adventures of Tintin **4.20** Scooby Doo **4.45** Splash includes news of high fashion — on and off the football pitch and young snooker players talking to Steve Davis about a new snooker game that can be played without a table. **5.15** Blockbusters. General knowledge game for teenagers. **5.45** News with Alastair Stewart. **6.00** The 6 O'Clock Show. Michael Aspel and his team take a look at the lighter side of London life. **7.00** New Faces of '87. Talent competition presented by Marti Caine. The non-voting guests are Hilary Kingsley, Lennie Bennett and Bonnie Langford. **8.00** The Bretts. (Oracle) (see Choice) **9.30** The Two of Us. Comedy series starring Nicholas Lyndhurst and Janet Dibley, this week amazed at Grandad Perce who has taken on a new lease of life after finding himself a new girlfriend — an aerobics teacher. With Tenniel Evans and Elizabeth Morgan. (Oracle) **10.00** News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes. Followed by LWT News headlines and Tyson Big Fight Preview. **10.35** A Short Sharp Shock: Whatever Happened to Punk? Includes rare footage of, among others, the Sex Pistols, the Clash and the Damned. Among the contributors are Vivienne Westwood, Jamie Reid and Captain Sensible. **11.35** Superbowl. The first semifinal of the Liverpool Victoria Insurance Superbowl introduced by Elton Welsby. **12.30** Night Network. The guests include Keith Chegwin and Janice Long, Kim McAuliffe and Simon Napier-Bell. **3.15** World Championship Boxing. The unbeaten holder of the unified heavyweight title, Mike Tyson, meets the undefeated Tyrell Biggs, in Atlantic City. The commentator is Reg Gutteridge. **4.30** Alfred Hitchcock Presents: The Gloating Place. A television reporter investigates the murder of a schoolgirl. **4.55** Baseball '87. New York Yankees v California Angels. Ends at **6.00**.

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools. **12.00** Business Daily. Business and financial news service. **12.30** Start Here. Part four of the series explaining the basic principles of physics (r). **1.00** On Course. Weekly magazine programme for Open College trainers. **2.00** Film: Family Portrait (1950, b/w). Humphrey Jennings's tribute to the people of Britain. **2.30** Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. The 2.35, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10 races. **4.30** Countdown. **5.00** Mister Ed (b/w). Vintage American comedy series. **5.30** Solid Soul. The guests include Paul Johnson **6.00** Revid. A review of the latest film releases on video. **6.15** The Chart Show. **7.00** Channel 4 News with Nicholas Owen and Sue Carpenter followed by Weather. **7.50** Book Choice. David Pannick's *Judges* is discussed by Lord Denning. (Oracle) **8.00** What the Papers Say with Raymond Snoddy of the *Financial Times*. **8.15** Enoch: A Life in Politics. Nick Ross talks to Enoch Powell in his first extended interview since losing his Parliamentary seat. **9.00** Tandoori Nights. Comedy series about two rival Indian restaurants. **9.30** A Houseful of Plants. Part two of the series on indoor plants traces the history of the early plant hunters. (Oracle) **10.00** The Golden Girls. Comedy series about four middle-aged woman sharing the same Florida home. (Oracle) **10.30** The Last Resort with Jonathan Ross. The guest list includes Carrie Fisher, John Peel, George Harrison and strong man, Ivan Karl. **11.20** Film: Before Stonewall (1984, colour and b/w). A documentary tracing the history of the gay movement in the United States. Directed by Greta Schiller and Robert Rosenberg. **12.55** Film: Clue of the New Pin (1959, b/w). Scotland Yard investigate a murder mystery. Starring Paul Daneman and Bernard Archard. Directed by Allan Davis. Ends at **2.00**.

VARIATIONS

4.00 Young Doctors **6.00** Lookaround **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **10.35** Worlds Beyond **11.05** Superbowl **12.30** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** News **6.00-7.00** News **10.35-11.05** Celebration **12.30am** America's Top 10 **1.00-3.15** Film: Naughty But Nice **4.40** News, Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** News **3.00** That's My Dog **3.30-4.00** Take the High Road **6.00** Channel Report **6.30** Great Potato Race **6.55-7.00** Weekend Diary **10.35** Facing South **11.05-12.30** Superbowl **4.30** Company, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **12.50am-1.00** News **3.00** Sons and Daughters **3.30** Trang Trang **3.45-4.00** Sudan **6.00-7.00** North Tonight **10.35** Crossfire **11.05** Superbowl **12.30am** News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** Granada Reports **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Granada Reports **6.25** Superbowl **6.30-7.00** Flying Start **10.35** Celebration **11.05** Superbowl **12.30am** I Spy **1.25-3.15** Film: Mickey Spillane's Margin for Murder **4.30** Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** News **6.00-7.00** News **10.35** Your Say **10.50** Flashback for the Fans **11.20** Superbowl **12.30am** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00pm-7.00** Wales at Six **10.35** Quartet **11.05-12.30am** Superbowl.

SCOTTISH As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** News **3.00** Sons and Daughters **3.30** Cartoon **3.45-4.00** Sudan **6.00** Scotland Today **6.30-7.00** Full House **10.35** Terry Neason **11.00** Superbowl **12.30am** Late Call. Close

TSW As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** News **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **10.35** Sledgehammer **11.05** Superbowl **12.30am** The Police **1.35** Postcript. Closedown.

TVS As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** News **3.00** That's My Dog **3.30-4.00** Take the High Road **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.30-7.00** Country Ways **10.35** Facing South **11.05-12.30am** Superbowl **4.30** Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** News **6.00** Northern Life **6.30-7.00** Extra Time **10.32-11.35** Nightline **12.30am-3.15** Film: Rosemary's Baby **4.15** Three's Company. Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** Newstime **6.00** Six Tonight **6.15-7.00** Six Tonight Extra **10.35** Witness **10.40-11.35** Kelly's People **12.25am** Newstime, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** News **6.00** Calendar **6.30-7.00** ALF **10.35** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.05** Superbowl **12.30am** Film: Topaz **2.45** Jobfinder **3.45** Closedown.

S4C Starts: **9.30am** Schools **12.00** Business Daily **12.30pm** Countdown **1.00** Open College **2.00** World Alive: Spain **2.30** Racing **4.00** Brwsyon **4.15** Smyrffs **4.45** Cartoon **5.00** Chips Comic **5.30** Solid Soul **6.00** Rewd **6.15** Chart Show **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Whilmanian **8.00** Caryl & Eirian **8.35** Y Byd ar Bedwar **9.35** A Midsummer Night's Dream **10.30** Last Resort **11.20** Film: Before Stonewall **1.00am** The Mysteries of Edgar Wallace **2.00** Closedown.

At home on the stage

TELEVISION CHOICE



Norman Rodway and Barbara Murray (front row) and others in the cast of The Bretts: ITV, 8.00pm

● Charles Brett is an actor. He acts all the time, whether on stage or off it. His wife, Lydia, star of musical comedy, also finds it difficult to switch off when the curtain comes down. Their home life, therefore, tends to be histrionic, particularly as she has had enough of his philandering and is threatening, for the umpteenth time, to clear off and get a divorce. To make matters worse, the debt collector is banging at Charles's door (though he still manages to employ a generous retinue of servants) and his latest play turns out to be less than a smash hit. Charles and Lydia are played, sometimes overplayed, by Norman Rodway and Barbara Murray in The Bretts (ITV, 8.00pm), a story of 1920s theatrical folk which can be described as a cross between *Upstairs Downstairs* and J. B. Priestley's *Lost Empires*. The Bretts are not so much a family as a dynasty. Grandpa is still treading the boards in his seventies and Charles and Lydia have children variously trying to make their way in the profession as actors or playwrights. So there is no shortage of dramatic potential to keep *The Bretts* going for 11 episodes, not to mention the second series which is already in preparation. Rosemary Anne Sisson, co-creator of *The Bretts*, sees it as a tribute to that glamorous age when the British theatre was ruled by the du Mauriers, Gertrude Lawrence and Noel Coward. But to invoke such masters of wit and style is to set up expectations which, on the evidence of tonight's opening episode, *The Bretts* seems unlikely to fulfil. Nor is the characterisation strong enough to compensate. But opening episodes are often a poor guide to the whole and there is a long way to go.

Peter Waymark

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below) **5.30am** Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Singled Out **7.00** Jeff Young's Dance Music Show **8.00** You'll Never Be 16 Again **10.00-12.00** Friday Rock Show. **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1). News on the hour. Sports **8.50am** **4.00am** Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.05** Gloria Hunniford (incl **3.10** Racing from Newmarket) **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Thanks for the Memory **7.30** Robin Ray presents Sound Stage International **8.45** Robert Docker at the piano **9.00** The Organist Entertains **10.00** Brooks Aehron's Serenade **10.30** The Press Gang **11.00** Nightcap **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

Times in GMT. Add an hour for BST **6.00am** Newsdesk. **6.30** Londres Matin **7.00** News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** Write On ... **7.45** Merchant Navy Programme **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** This Musical World **8.30** Music Now **9.00** News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by Look Ahead **9.45** Man of Property **10.00** News **10.01** Best of British **10.15** Merchant Navy Programme **10.30** Business Matters **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** In the Meantime **11.25** Letter from Northern Ireland **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15pm** Jazz for the Asking **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** 24 Hours **1.30** John Peel **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Nature Notebook **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Tony Myatt Request Show **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Science in Action **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** A Letter from Northern Ireland **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heute Aktuel **8.00** News **8.09** 24 Hours **8.30** Science in Action **9.00** News **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Music Now **9.45** Battle of Pollock's Crossing **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** Letter from Northern Ireland **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** From The Weeklies **11.30** Multitrack **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Personal View **12.45** Recording of the Week **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Best of British **1.45** Nature Notebook **2.00** News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** Vintage Chart Show **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Six Four Eight **4.35** Financial News **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** World Today.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather **7.00** News **7.05** Morning Concert: Handel (Atalanta overture: Capella Savaria under Nicholas McGegan), Milhaud (Paris, for four pianos: Christian Ivaldi, Michel Béroff, Jean-Philippe Collard and Noël Lee), Beethoven (Symphony No 2: London Classical Players under Roger Norrington) **8.00** News **8.05** Morning Concert (contd): Josef Strauss (Music of the Spheres waltz: Vienna PO under Boskovsky), Schumann (Konzertstück for four horns and orchestra: Seifert, Hauptmann, Kohler and Klier, with Berlin PO under Tennstedt), Ravel (Pavane pour une infante défunte: St Louis SO under Slatkin), Tchaikovsky (Capriccio Italien: Detroit SO under Dorati) **9.00** World Service News **9.10** This Week's Composer: John Field. Quintet for piano and strings (Musicians of the Royal Exchange), Grande Valse in A (David Branson and Andrew Davies, pianos). Concerto No 7 (New Irish CO under Fürst, with John O'Connor, piano) **10.00** Langham Chamber Orchestra, under Frank Shipway. Leopold Mozart (Symphony in G major), W.A. Mozart (Divertimento in B flat major, K 287) **10.50** Liszt and Tchaikovsky: Leslie Howard (piano) plays Liszt's Mephisto Waltz No 4, and Tchaikovsky's Sonata in G Op 37 **11.30** Guitar Quartets: Jukka Savijoli, with Chameleon. Schubert's Quartet D 96, and Haydn's Op 2 No 2 **12.15** Midday Prom: from Manchester. BBC Philharmonic under Edward Downes, with Peter Noke and Helen Krizos (pianos). Part one. Bliss (Introduction and Allegro), Elis Pehkonen (Concerto for two pianos and orchestra) **1.00** News **1.05** Sickert at St Peter's: Benjamin Whitrow reads the short story by Denton Welch **1.20** Concert (part two): Bernard Stevens (Symphony No 2) **2.05** University of Wales Recital: Sheila Armstrong (soprano), with David Owen Norris (piano). Haydn's The mermaid's song: the spirit's song: Pastoral song; Schumann's Frauenliebe und leben; Howells's The Goat Paths: Madeleine Dring's Five Belgeman Poems; and Britten's Cabaret songs **3.30** Remembering Lully: German Bach Soloists under Helmut Winschermann perform Lully's Divertissement de Chambord, and Musica Antiqua Cologne perform Rebel's Tombeau de Monsieur Lully **4.00** Choral Evensong: from Ely Cathedral. The organ voluntary is Wills s Symphonia Etensis, parts 7 and 8. The assistant organist is Stephen Le Prevost **5.00** World Service News **5.10** Mainly for Pleasure: recorded music selection, presented by Andrew Keener **6.55** News **7.00** Barnstable: play by James Saunders, with Dinsdale Landen, Gwen Watford and Alison Steadman in the cast (r) **7.30** Chilingirian String Quartet: Beethoven (Quartet in A, Op 18 No 5), Martinu (Quartet No 5), Dvorak (Quartet in G, Op 106). At **8.20**, talk about the Martinu string quartets by Jan Smaczny **9.20** I Am Made of Paper: a selection of verse by Paruir Sevak, translated by Mischa Kudian. Read in English by John Rowe, and in the original Armenian by Mischa Kudian **9.35** Sonny Rollins: concert given at the Fairfield Halls, Croydon last November by the Rollins Quintet, with Sonny Rollins on tenor sax. Works include Rollins's Don't stop the carnival, Tenor madness, Best wishes, and U.T. Also, Myrow/Gannon's Autumn nocturne, Mercer/Kern's I'm old fashioned; and Stevie Wonder's Isn't she lovely **11.57** News **12.00** Closedown.



Sonny Rollins: in concert, Radio 3, 9.35pm



Soviet artist Sergei Shutov: Omnibus, BBC1, 10.20pm

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF **5.55** Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Your Letters **8.42** Three Stories by Elizabeth Bower (1): Songs My Father Sang Me. Read by Patricia Hodge **8.57** Weather; Travel **9.00** News **9.05** Desert Island Discs: Michael Parkinson's guest is Lord Killanin, who chooses some favourite records (r) (s) **9.45** Feedback: Christopher Dunkley follows up listeners' comments about BBC programmes and policies **10.00** News: International Assignment **10.30** Morning Story: The Case of the Hackney Man, by Derek Smith. Read by Tim McInnerny **10.45** Daily Service (New Every Morning, page 21) (s) **11.00** The Friday Feature: A Laugh, a Tear, a Song. The story of the Yiddish theatre in the East End of London, narrated by Cyril Shaps. With Lee Montague as Jacob Adler, the actor who fled from Tsarist persecution to found the theatre **11.47** Treasure Islands: Novelist and children's writer Penelope Lively enters the world of children's books **12.00** News; You and Yours: with John Howard **12.25** The Food Programme: Derek Cooper presents his weekly defence of pure food at a fair price **12.55** Weather **1.00** The World at One **1.40** The Archers **1.55** Shipping **2.00** News; Woman's Hour. Includes an interview with Leicester County Council's Mike Lindsay, Britain's first Children's Rights Officer **3.00** News; The Dwarves Chapter 13 of Crome Yellow by Aldous Huxley, dramatized by Peter Mackie. With David Leamer and Claire Faulconbridge (r) **4.00** News **4.05** On the Cut: Arthur Wood presents a six-part series recalling life and work on the English canal system (2) Growing Up **4.30** Kaleidoscope: includes comment on The Hypochondriac, at the Lyric, Hammersmith, London; and the Maggi Hambling exhibition at the Serpentine Gallery (r) **5.00** PM **5.50** Shipping **6.00** News, incl Financial Report **6.30** Going Places: Clive Jacobs and his team monitor movements in the worlds of travel and transport **7.00** News **7.05** The Archers **7.20** Pick of the Week: Margaret Howard presents highlights from the past week's television and radio programmes (s) **8.20** Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby with Peter de Savary, Lady Wilcox, John Edmonds and John Pardoe. In front of an audience at Redruth, Cornwall **9.05** Law in Action: John Eidinow presents the programme from the Law Society National Conference in Vienna. Includes an interview with J.D. Bradbeer, President of the Law Society **9.30** Letter from America: by Alistair Cooke **9.45** Kaleidoscope: When Shall We 15 Meet Again ? Paul Allen finds out about some of the unusual things that are being done with *Macbeth* on stages throughout the British Isles **10.15** A Book at Bedtime: The Dream of Duncan Parrenness, by Rudyard Kipling. Read by Garard Green (last of 10 stories) **10.29** Weather **10.30** The World Tonight: with David Seils **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **11.30** Week Ending: Satirical view of the week's news with Bill Wallis, David Tate, Sally Grace and Jon Glover (s) **12.00** News; Weather **VHF** as above except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools. **11.00** Earth Search **11.20** Playtime **11.35** Music Workshop **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Let's Join In with Soundbox **2.25** The Song Tree **2.40** Country Dancing Stage III **5.50-5.55** PM (continued). **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-Time. Geography, Home or Away. **12.30** Crossing Britain — the M162 **12.50** Crossing Australia — Railway

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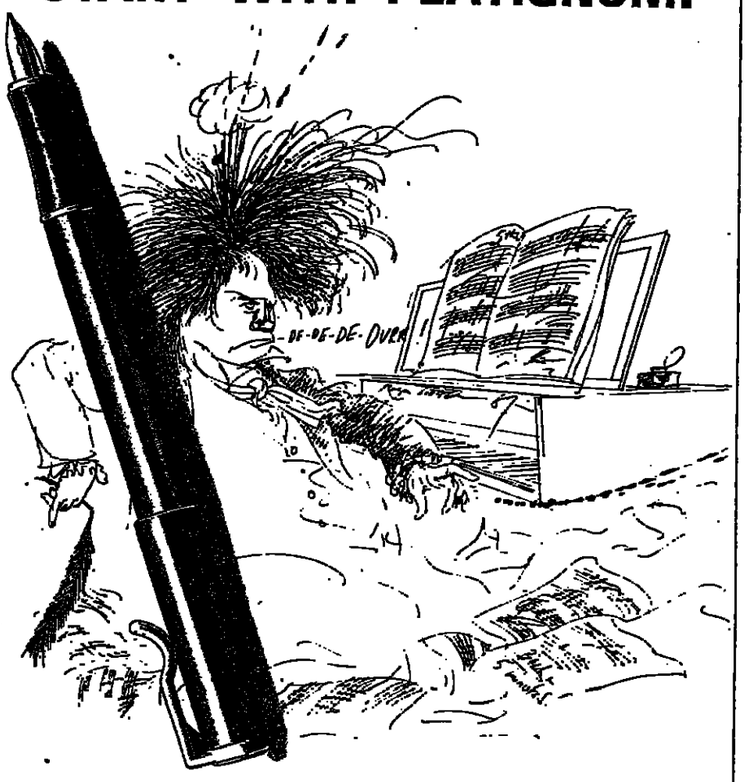
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I was right, says doctor who backed return of gun

By David Cross

A police doctor who helped the man accused of the Bristol killings to keep his shotgun licence said yesterday that when he examined the man 18 months ago there was nothing to suggest that he was unfit to have the weapon.

Amid renewed calls for even tighter gun controls, Dr Richard Edwards, a deputy police surgeon at Aberystwyth in mid-Wales, said that he could find no signs of depression on the day he saw him "so there was no reason to warrant him not getting a shotgun licence".

Dr Edwards, a deputy police surgeon who has been qualifed for 14 years, said: "I would give the same recommendation again. I won't change my mind. I would repeat my decision."

Dr Edwards had examined the man at Aberystwyth police station after he had been found asleep in his car with a shotgun. The man had been reported missing from his Bristol home and suffering from depression.

He was later released without charge and his shotgun was handed back. Dyfed-Powys police sent a report to Avon and Somerset police, who confiscated the shotgun and the licence while inquiries were made. Dr Edwards was asked for his views on the man's suitability to hold a shotgun certificate.

"I assumed that the man's general practitioner would be asked for his opinion about the man", he said yesterday.

● At the opening of inquests into the four who died in Bristol, it was disclosed that at least eight shots from a pump action shotgun were fired when the two employees of the Alexandra Workware clothing factory on the Patchway industrial estate, north of the city, were killed.

Mr David Pursall, aged 28, a computer manager, died instantly in the computer room after being hit in the arm and the chest. Mr John Peterson, aged 48, an accountant, died in hospital from one blast from a shotgun.

● The mother of the solicitors' clerk who was shot dead in Wolverhampton last week said yesterday that no guns should be allowed in any home.

She was one of hundreds of callers to the BBC after the guns issue had been discussed on the Jimmy Young programme on Radio 2.

Miss Louise Winspear, aged 22, and Mr Dennis Hull, a bailiff, were killed as they tried to serve a house possession order in Ettingshall Park.

Mrs Winspear said: "My daughter was 22 years old and absolutely everything to me. I just hope that she died for a reason, and that reason would be that the Home Secretary would really change the law on guns.

"No guns should be allowed in any home. They should be kept under lock and key in sporting clubs."



Dr Richard Edwards: "I would repeat my decision".

Police suspect terrorist in Dublin kidnapping



Mr John O'Grady (left), who was kidnapped from his home (centre) in Dublin. His father- in-law, Mr Austin Darragh (right) is thought to have been the intended victim.

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9pm on Tuesday when the four gunmen, who were armed with two pistols and two handguns, burst into Mr O'Grady's home and held the family hostage overnight.

On Wednesday morning two members of the gang took Mr O'Grady away in his Volvo car. The other two gunmen left after telling Mrs O'Grady not to phone the police or contact any family or friends.

At 4.15pm one of the gang phoned Mrs O'Grady to tell her that the Volvo could be found outside the Fairway Hotel in Dundalk. Mrs O'Grady then contacted her father who alerted the police.

O'Hare Known as "the Border Fox", is a former member of the Provisional IRA and, more recently, broke away from the Irish National Liberation Army (INLA).

Both organizations are believed to want to settle scores with O'Hare, who is suspected of being involved in more than 20 murders. He is also wanted in connection with a series of bank robberies along the border.

Police suspect that the gang had intended to kidnap Mr O'Grady's father-in-law, Dr Austin Darragh, aged 60, who is the head of the Institute of Clinical Pharmacology, a clinic used for testing drugs.

Last year, Mr O'Grady bought his secluded home in the Dublin suburb of Cabinteely from his father-in-law, but Dr Darragh is still listed in the telephone directory as the occupant of the Tudor-style detached red-bricked house.

Dr Darragh became one of the Republic's wealthiest men in 1984 when investors from the United States paid nearly IR£10 million for shares in his company, which has a subsidiary in New Jersey and is involved in pioneering work testing new drugs, including those in Aids research, on humans.

In 1984, Dr Darragh's clinic was at the centre of a dispute after a volunteer, Niall Rush, died during tests for a heart drug. Mr Rush, aged 30, an unemployed Dublin man, was the son of Mr Kevin Rush, a former Irish ambassador to Luxembourg.

Dr Darragh defended his clinic against criticism of using human beings as guinea pigs by arguing that it was reputed to be one of the best clinics in the world.

Irish police have, over the past 13 years, been successful in securing the release of a series of kidnap victims, including Lord and Lady Donoughmore, Dr Tiede Herrema, the Dutch industrialist, Don Tidey, the British-born businessman, Ben Dunne, the Irish supermarket owner, and, last year, Mrs Jennifer Guinness.

But they are particularly anxious this time abou the possible involvement of the "Border Fox", who is regarded by police as being a psychopath

O'Hare, aged 29, is a bricklayer from Co Armagh. He was released from Portlaoise Prison in the Irish Republic last year but is wanted for questioning by the RUC and the Garda in connection with a number of murders.

Sri Lanka blast kills 20 Indians

From Michael Hamlyn, Colombo

Twenty Indian soldiers died in a land mine explosion early yesterday in Sri Lanka's eastern Batticaloa district. The incident brings to 79 the admitted Indian death toll in the past five days, though it is thought to be higher than this.

A report from the Indian High Commission in Colombo that 17 soldiers are missing, and believed to be in the hands of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the separatist guerrillas who are battling the Indian Army in the northern town of Jaffna, would bring the official toll very close to 100.

A senior Sri Lankan said last night that he put the present Indian casualties at 108.

The missing men were said by the High Commission to have been taking part in a search operation in the north.

The Liberation Tigers have been claiming in radio messages intercepted by the Indian authorities that they have captured 18 Indians, and the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation said yesterday that the guerrillas boasted that they were "frying" them, with necklaces of car tyres.

Such reports will clearly have some effect on the morale of the Indian troops. According to Western diplomats, the effect will vary according to whether the Indians feel they are winning or losing the battle in the north.

The fact that the Indian forces are still travelling the roads of the Northern and Eastern provinces in thin-skinned three-ton trucks shows that some lessons learned by the Sri Lankan forces during the past four years of the Tamil insurgency, have still to be learned by the Indians.

The 20 soldiers died when one truck in a convoy of seven was blown up by a remote-controlled mine. Four other soldiers in the truck were badly injured.

Sri Lankan troops were ordered never to travel in large numbers in vehicles, and usually used heavily armour-plated South African Buffel personnel carriers. In the end, the soldiers used to move only in helicopters.

Troops in the Indian convoy followed cycle tracks from the site of the explosion to a house, and there was an exchange of fire with guerrillas

The High Commission said leter that 29 people had been taken into custody. These included at least one hard core terrorist.

Evidently in an effort to relieve the pressure on their colleagues in the north the rebels in the east have been stepping up their campaign. Yesterday also saw another attack on a Sinhalese village in the Trincomalee district in which 10 villagers were stabbed or hacked to death.

A second military vehicle was ambushed at kikuloturwa close to a site where 125 bus passengers were done to death last June. The three people killed were two members of Sri Lanka's national auxiliary force of volunteer soldiers and a jeep-driver.

Tehran raises stakes in Gulf

Iranians hit US-owned tanker

From Robert Fisk, Dubai

Iran yesterday raised the stakes in the Gulf shipping war by firing a missile at an American-owned tanker berthed at the Kuwaiti offshore oil loading station.

The attack wrecked part of the vessel in an explosion that sent a fireball up to half-a-mile over the sea.

It was the first time any attack of this kind had taken place inside Kuwaiti territorial waters and — if the details are confirmed — the first occasion on which Iran had used a shore-to-ship Silkworm missile in hostilities.

When the explosion took place aboard the 275,932 tonne, Liberian-flagged supertanker Sungari yesterday morning, neither the crew members — who were uninjured — nor the seamen on neighbouring supply ships heard aircraft or saw Iranian naval vessels in the area.

The Kuwaiti authorities later said that it was a missile attack, and urged the United Nations to implement its ceasefire resolution in the Gulf to prevent further Iranian action.

Shipping agents at once suspected that the Sungari had been hit by a Chinese-made Silkworm, the nearest batteries of which are on the Iranian-occupied Iraqi Fao peninsula — which would put the tanker just inside the projectile's 50-mile range.

The Kuwaitis have already accused the Iranians of firing missiles at the offshore terminal this summer, claiming that one exploded in sand on the coastline.

The huge chemical storage tanks in Kuwait port would themselves make a tempting, if catastrophic, target for the Iranians, whose religious leaders have several time threatened to attack Kuwait's industrial areas in retaliation for the country's financial assistance to the regime in Baghdad.

It is, however, also possible that the Sungari was the victim of one of the American-made Maverick air-to-sea missiles with which several Western governments now believe the Iranian Air Force has been re-equipped.

The optically-guided missile could be fired far enough from its target for the ship's crew to be unaware that an aircraft was attacking it.

Part of the Sungari's load of crude oil exploded when the missile hit one of the ship's internal tanks, and it took fire tugs five hours to bring the flames under control.

Outside the Gulf, meanwhile, one of Britain's four naval minehunters discovered another mine off Fujairah yesterday, and destroyed it with explosives laid by a miniature unmanned submarine. HMS Brecon found the mine in the same area in which two other devices were located by the Royal Navy two days earlier.

The numbering on the mine was said to be in sequence with the other two, and also similar to the codings on the mines discovered by the Americans on the Iranian ship, Iran Ajr, which was attacked by US helicopters earlier this month.

● WASHINGTON: The US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, yesterday condemned the Iranian attack as a "very hostile action toward Kuwait", but neither he nor President Reagan would say what action the US would take in response (Michael Binyon writes).

Mr Reagan, speaking after he had just learned of the attack, said he had not discussed it yet with his military joint chiefs of staff. "Our policy is still we're going to defend ourselves if we're attacked," he said.

Mr Shultz said: "We don't announce what counter-measures or retaliation we may take, but it has been made clear that we do act." But he indicated that the US would not respond directly to this attack.

"The ship is not in international waters. It wasn't being escorted or anything of the kind. In fact, it wasn't a US-flagged vessel."

The US had not changed its rules of engagement. He said these were very carefully drawn.

● MUSCAT: The US will hand over to Iran tomorrow four Iranian seamen captured in an engagement between gunboats and American helicopters in the Gulf last week, Omani officials said yesterday (Reuter reports).

New York — Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations Secretary-General, yesterday gave Iran and Iraq until the end of the month to agree to his plan for the implementation of Security Council Resolution 598, which demands a ceasefire in the Gulf War (Zoriana Pysariwsky writes).

Patten sees how Paris tackles deprivation

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

In the middle of a torrential downpour yesterday Mr John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office splashed his way around one of the most deprived areas of Paris in search of the French answer to the problems of the inner cities.

As curious North Africans looked on from the shelter of the many little bazaars doing a thriving business in the Goutte d'Or quarter, Mr Patten saw condemned buildings rub shoulders with new developments by the the city's housing office.

At one shop, Mr Patten delighted the Algerian proprietor by buying a handsome umbrella to pose for photographs. "Supporting the private sector", observed the minister, whose two-day trip was principally concerned with examining how the French go about trying to reduce crime in deprived areas.

Local officials told Mr Patten of the comprehensive state programmes, extending from central government down through departmental offices to local government agencies, for the rehabilitation of "target" zones.

La Goutte d'Or, he was told, had long been a magnet for immigrants: it now contained at least 30 nationalities.

The area had become run down and the crime rate had risen sharply. Prostitution had been a problem. The main thrust of rehabilitation had combined extensive renewal of housing, shopping facilities and social amenities and a policing policy to clean up the area.

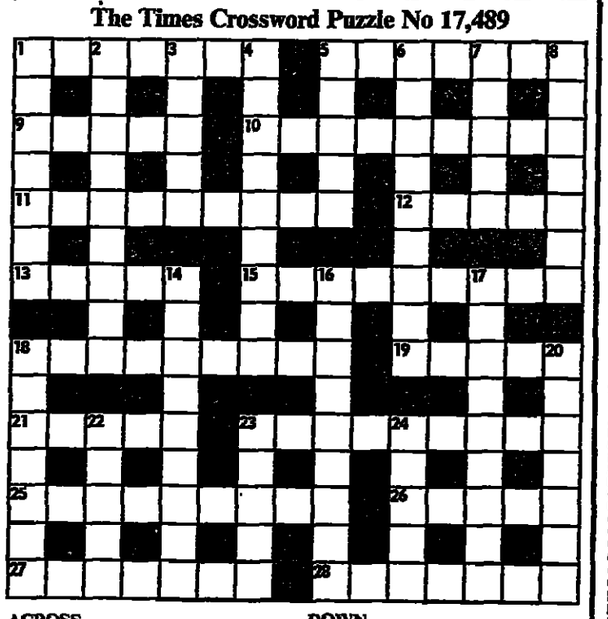
China bid to stamp out racket in fakes

Peking (Reuter) — The latest commercial exhibition to open in Peking offers paying visitors a dazzling range of goods — shoddy, poisonous, or dishonest fakes of the country's most prestigious brand names.

The show features counterfeit Forever brand bicycles likely to fall apart within a few miles, fake rice wine which could kill, useless herbal medicines and shoddy copies of fashionable clothes.

The Chinese authorities are hoping to stamp out the massive counterfeit racket by exposing the culprits and warning the public.

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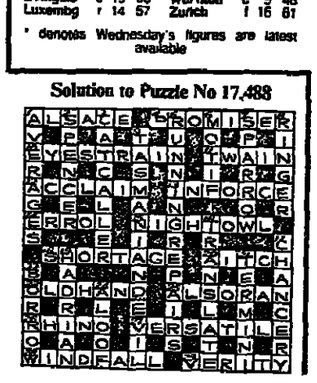
1 Wise as inept characters may become (7).
5 Two girls quietly returning to a royal burial-place (7).
9 About to open the beer by oneself (5).
10 They indicate a course for hotel attendants, it's said (4-5).
11 Not caring for books on informal wear (9).
12 Subject for this kind of song (5).
13 Apprehend the old boy — he's rich and powerful (5).
15 This vicar is eccentric as a keeper of records (9).
18 Two birds taking a chance on the way? (3-6).
19 Rise about right for pop musicians (5).
21 Lawrence, by another name, kept Oriental flowers (5).
23 Pithy remark by 1 *ac* is first-class (9).
25 Sail for ark, no more in need of repair (9).
26 Complaint made when the relish is left unfinished (5).
27 What little jaws these kids have! (7).
28 A portable stand or something (7).

DOWN

1 Quiet girl on an Irish river (7).
2 A young farmer may have his share (9).
3 Resin of help to ukulele minstrels (5).
4 Conversation above board? No, under and around it (5-4).
5 Guide whose fall was drawn by Tenniel (5).
6 Soldiers raising objections but proving to be wrong (9).
7 Low quarters for a debarker (5).
8 A course to abandon, by the sound of it (7).
14 Supporter I brought down a couple of steps to this bar (9).
16 It makes liquor available for an Irish prison warder (9).
17 One may be spouted alone in this (9).
18 There's a case for putting him in a box (7).
20 Page allowed to eat a president's cake (7).
22 Quick gain from this exclusive story? (5).
23 Revives a northern holiday (5).
24 Two firms meet over a drink (5).

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WEATHER

General situation: An unsettled autumnal look to the weather. Overnight a vigorous depression crossed eastern districts, giving further heavy rain. This is expected to move away into the North Sea allowing a brief respite before scattered showers develop further and become quite widespread during afternoon, possibly accompanied by thunder. In the north showers will fall as snow over hills. It will be windy in the south-west and far north. It will be rather cool, from 12 to 14C (54 to 57F) in the south, a maximum of 10C (50F) in the north. Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Remaining unsettled with further showers. Sunnier and warmer in the south and east.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

	C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	f	23	73	Madrid	c	17	63
Akrotiri	s	26	79	Majorca	f	22	72
Alex'dria				Malaga	s	22	72
Algiers	s	27	81	Malta	f	27	81
Amst'dm	c	13	55	Melb'rne	f	23	73
Athens	s	25	77	Mexico C*	s	19	66
Bahrain	s	37	88	Miami*	f	27	81
Barbados*	f	29	84	Milan	r	13	55
Barcelna	f	21	70	Montreal*	s	15	59
Beirut				Moscow	s	10	50
Belgrade	s	29	73	Munich	s	20	68
Berlin	s	17	63	Nairobi	f	28	82
Bermuda*	s	28	82	Naples	f	22	72
Biarritz	c	20	68	N Delhi	c	33	91
Borde'x	c	17	63	N York*	s	14	57
Brussels	r	12	54	Nice	c	21	70
Budapst	f	17	63	Oslo	r	11	52
B Aires*	f	17	63	Paris	r	15	59
Cairo				Perth	c	17	63
Cape Tn	s	26	79	Prague	c	12	54
C'blanca	s	25	77	Reykj	s	3	37
Chicago*	c	15	59	Rio de J	c	24	75
Ch'church	c	8	46	Riyadh	f	37	99
Cologne	r	14	57	Rome	f	24	75
C'phagn	r	13	55	Salzburg	s	21	70
Corfu	s	23	73	S F'risco*	c	15	59
Dublin	c	9	48	Santiago*	r	13	55
Dubrovnik	s	22	72	S Paulo*	c	18	64
Faro	f	22	72	Seoul	c	19	66
Florence	c	20	68	Stog'por	f	31	88
Frankfurt	r	16	61	St'kholm	c	10	50
Funchal	s	25	77	Strasb'rg	f	18	64
Geneva	c	17	63	Sydney	s	21	70
Gibraltar	f	22	72	Tangier	f	23	73
Helsinki	r	8	46	Tel aviv	f	28	79
Hong K	th	27	81	Tenerife	s	25	77
Innsbruck	f	17	63	Tokyo	r	17	63
Istanbul	f	19	66	Toronto*	s	16	61
Jeddah	s	35	95	Tunis	s	29	84
Jo'burg*	f	17	63	Valencia	f	25	77
Karachi	s	33	91	Vanc'ver*	f	11	52
L Palmas	s	24	75	Venice	f	17	63
Le Touet	r	11	52	Vienna	s	20	68
Lisbon	c	22	72	Warsaw	c	11	52
Locarno	r	12	54	Wash'ton*	s	15	59
L Angels*	c	19	66	Wel'ton	c	9	48
Luxembg	r	14	57	Zurich	f	16	61

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	0.7	.17	11	52	dull
Biddington	1.1	.32	12	54	cloudy
Cromer	0.3	1.01	11	52	rain
Lowestoft	2.1	.38	12	54	rain
Clacton	0.3	.72	13	55	rain
Southend	-	.53	13	55	rain
Margate	-	.57	15	59	rain
Folkestone	-	.97	15	59	rain
Hastings	-	1.12	16	61	rain
Eastbourne	-	1.13	15	59	rain
Brighton	-	.86	15	59	rain
Worthing	-	1.16	13	55	rain
Litlehmptn	-	.95	13	55	rain
Bognor R	-	1.07	14	57	rain
Southsea	-	.88	13	55	rain
Sandown	-	.78	13	55	rain
Shanklin	-	.96	12	54	rain
Bournemth	-	.69	11	52	rain
Poole	-	.57	11	52	rain
Swanage	-	.93	13	55	rain
Weymouth	-	.18	14	57	rain
Exmouth	-	.35	10	50	rain
Teignmouth	-				
Torquay	-	.49	13	55	rain
Falmouth	-	.10	10	50	rain
Penzance	-	.51	11	52	rain
Scilly Isles	0.3	.08	11	52	rain
Jersey	-	.83	16	61	rain
Guernsey	-	.51	15	59	rain
Newquay	-				
Ilfracombe	-	.10	11	52	shower
Minehead	-	.28	11	52	rain
B'pool Airpt	1.6	.21	12	54	rain
Morecambe	0.2	.21	12	54	rain
Douglas	-	.44	9	48	rain
B'ham Airpt	0.8	.42	10	50	rain
Bristol (City)	-	.30	11	52	rain
Carlisle	-	.13	10	50	rain
London	0.1	.70	12	54	rain
Manchester	2.3	.29	12	54	bright
N'cstl-n-Tyne	0.3	.13	11	52	rain
Nottingham	-	.44	10	50	dull
Anglesey	0.3	.41	11	52	cloudy
Cardiff (Cstl)	-	.27	10	50	rain
Colwyn Bay	2.1	.17	11	52	cloudy
Tenby	2.1	.72	11	52	cloudy
Aberdeen	-	.17	10	50	rain
Aviemore	-	.11	7	45	rain
Edinburgh	-	.72	9	48	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	.22	8	46	rain
Glasgow	-	.37	9	48	rain
Kinloss	-	.19	10	50	rain
Lerwick	1.7	.06	10	50	rain
Prestwick	-	.30	9	48	rain
Stornoway	1.6	.12	10	50	dull
Tiree	-	.48	9	48	rain
Wick	-	.31	10	50	hail
Belfast	-	.19	6	43	rain

* Denotes figures not available

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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	8.35	5.3	9.39	5.4
Aberdeen	9.34	3.1	9.40	3.2
Avonmouth	1.34	8.5	2.19	8.5
Belfast	7.08	2.7	7.17	3.0
Cardiff	1.19	8.0	2.04	8.1
Devonport	12.25	4.0	1.00	4.2
Dover	6.37	5.0	7.39	4.8
Falmouth	—	—	12.30	4.0
Glasgow	8.06	3.7	7.48	4.0
Harwich	6.23	2.9	7.56	3.0
Holyhead	6.33	4.0	6.58	4.3
Hull	12.57	6.3	2.17	5.0
Ilfracombe	1.00	6.1	1.52	6.3
Leith	10.35	4.1	11.06	4.2
Liverpool	6.56	8.5	7.34	8.9
Lowestoft	4.52	2.1	5.22	2.0
Margate	7.04	2.7	6.17	2.7
Milford Haven	1.22	4.8	2.21	4.9
Newquay	12.22	4.8	1.21	5.0
Oban	2.11	2.7	3.12	3.0
Penzance	—	—	12.20	4.2
Portland	12.44	1.2	12.46	1.4
Portsmouth	7.12	3.6	7.36	3.5
Shoreham	6.35	4.5	7.19	4.8
Southampton	6.52	3.4	7.07	3.4
Swansea	1.14	6.7	2.02	6.8
Tees	11.58	4.0	—	—
W'ton-on-Nze	6.37	3.1	7.57	3.2

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are BST

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.375	2.555
Austria Sch	21.85	20.75
Belgium Fr	65.65	61.85
Canada $	2.245	2.125
Denmark Kr	11.95	11.36
Finland Mkk	7.55	7.15
France Fr	10.35	9.85
Germany Dm	3.11	2.95
Greece Dr	239	224
Hong Kong $	13.40	12.70
Ireland Pt	1.16	1.10
Italy Lire	2340	2130
Japan Yen	246	234
Netherlands Gld	3.49	3.32
Norway Kr	11.43	10.83
Portugal Esc	244	232
South Africa Rd	4.15	3.45
Spain Pta	203	193
Sweden Kr	10.93	10.38
Switzerland Fr	2.57	2.44
USA $	1.735	1.655
Yugoslavia Dnr	1720	1520

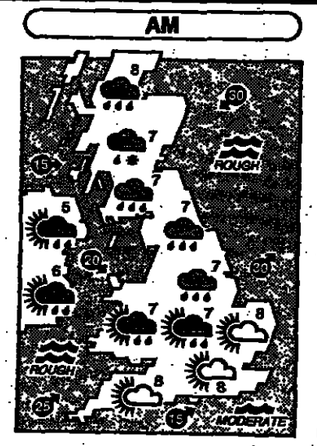
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Retail Price Index: 102.4 (September)

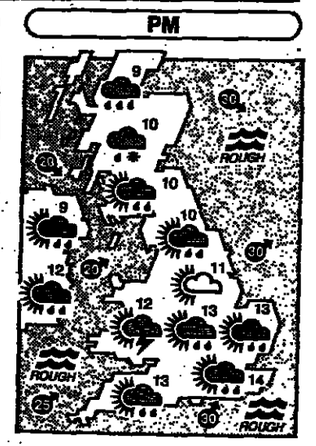
London: The *FT* index closed down 21.8 at 1812.9.

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MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.29in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.3 hr.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 9C (48F). Humidity: 6 pm, 97 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.70in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.1 hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 974.9 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	r	6	43	Guernsey	s	10	50
B'mpham	f	10	50	Inverness	c	5	41
Blackpool	c	11	52	Jersey	r	10	50
Bristol	c	11	52	London	r	11	52
Cardiff	f	11	52	M'nchster	f	11	52
Edinburgh	r	8	46	Newcastle	r	9	48
Glasgow	r	7	45	R'mldsway	r	9	48

HIGHEST & LOWEST

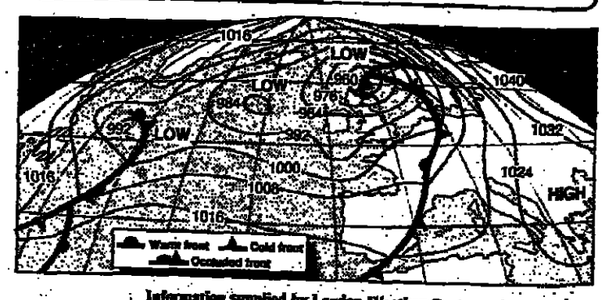
Wednesday: Highest day temp: Weymouth, Dorset, 14C (57F); lowest day max: Hartland Point, Devon, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Morecambe, Lancashire, 1.0 in; highest sunshine: Wick, Northern Scotland, 8.0 hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 6.37 pm to 6.57 am
Bristol 6.46 pm to 7.07 am
Edinburgh 6.41 pm to 7.17 am
Manchester 6.42 pm to 7.09 am
Penzance 7.00 pm to 7.16 am

Sun rises: 7.25 am
Sun sets: 6.07 pm
Moon sets: 4.22 pm
Moon rises: 1.03 am
New Moon October 22

NOON TODAY



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Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1812.9 (–21.8)

FT-SE 100
2301.9 (–21.0)

Bargains
34797 (35468)

USM (Datastream)
228.06 (–0.87)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6645 (+0.0105)

W German mark
2.9969 (+0.0032)

Trade-weighted
73.5 (+0.2)

Profit rise to £18m for Fisher

Mr Tony Millar's Albert Fisher Group, which has expanded by pulling together a host of small, fresh foods businesses in Britain, the Continent andNorth America more than doubled its annual profits to end-June from £8.4 million to £18.5 million.

The dividend is doubled to 2.25p a share and Mr Millar promises to maintain the rate on a share capital enlarged by a one-for-two scrip issue.

Fisher made 14 acquisitions but even without these, and after stripping out the £1.67 million income earned on the £81.7 million rights issue proceeds funds banked in May, profits improved by 33.3 per cent. Tempus, page 22

Caparo ahead

Caparo Industries reported interim pretax profits to end-June up from £615,000 to £1.2 million. There is an unchanged interim dividend of 0.75p. Shareholders may receive shares in lieu of dividends. Tempus, page 22

Bowater buy

Bowater Industries, the industrial holding group, is making a £141 million agreed takeover bid for Rexham Corporation, a US producer of packaging materials. Rexham earned £5.6 million in the first nine months of this year.

Liffe record

The London International Financial Futures Exchange yesterday traded a record 115,000 futures and options.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 2407.31 (–5.39)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Average 26428.22 (–218.21)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 3828.64 (–15.84)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 290.3 (–11.6)
Sydney: AO ..... 2146.4 (–38.5)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1902.6 (–44.3)
Brussels:
General ..... 4859.4 (–113.5)
Paris: CAC ..... 366.1 (–21.3)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 632.8 (–6.1)
London:
FT–A All-Share ..... 1189.92 (–9.66)
FT–"500" ..... 1297.82 (–10.83)
FT. Gold Mines ..... 436.3 (–1.9)
FT. Fixed Interest ..... 91.50 (–0.17)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 84.90 (–0.75)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Hill & Smith ..... 233p (+12p)
Britannia Secs ..... 275p (+12p)
Church ..... 630p (+20p)
Etam ..... 344p (+12p)
GUS 'A' ..... 1421p (+26p)
Morceau ..... 108p (+20p)
Airsprung ..... 288p (+17p)
Tay Homes ..... 492p (+14p)

FALLS:
ICI ..... 1577p (–18p)
Glaxo ..... 1405p (–36p)
BICC ..... 408p (–21p)
Abbey ..... 315p (–30p)
J Billam ..... 196p (–12p)
Farnell ..... 213p (–20p)
Bass ..... 936p (–22p)
Boddington ..... 204p (–14p)
OTT ..... 373p (–15p)
Reuters ..... 771p (–16p)
Saatchi & Saatchi ..... 554p (–24p)
Morgan Grenfell ..... 549p (–20p)
Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10%
3-month interbank 10⅝-10¾%
3-month eligible bills:9⅝-9 13/16%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 9¼%
Federal Funds 7⅝%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.15-7.14%*
30-year bonds 87 1/16-87½*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6645	£: $1.6645*
£: DM2.9969	$: DM1.8007*
£: SwFr2.4776	$: SwFr1.4895*
£: FFr9.9978	$: FFr6.0095*
£: Yen236.60	$: Yen142.10*
£: Index:73.5	$: Index:100.0
ECU £0.69203	SDR £n/a

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $461.75 pm-$466.60
close $464.75-465.25 (£279.00-279.50)
New York:
Comex $466.00-466.50*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Nov) pm $18.75bbl ($18.78)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Macfarlane warns of action if Distillers payment is demanded

Guinness may sue advisers

By Lawrence Lever

Sir Norman Macfarlane, the Guinness chairman, yesterday said the drinks and brewing group would consider suing its professional advisers if it had to make an extra payment to former Distillers shareholders as a result of the Takeover Panel investigation into the company.

Sir Norman was responding to a question from a Guinness shareholder at the extraordinary meeting called to approve the purchase of the Schenley Business and the sale of Martin CTN Group.

The shareholder, Mr Antony Lawson-Smith, asked Sir Norman for "some assurance that if the Panel decides that additional money should be paid out, you would seek to have the money recovered from Guinness's professional advisers". He added that the advisers he was referring to were Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, Cazenove, the stockbroker and Freshfields, the law firm.

Sir Norman, who regularly stressed that he wanted to be as "forthright" in his responses as possible, said: "We would certainly contemplate pursuing the action you have outlined".

The Takeover Panel is now engaged in a top-secret investigation into the Guinness takeover of Distillers. It is examining the role played by associates or potential associates of Guinness during the bid.

Cazenove, Guinness's joint stockbroker during the bid, has already attended a meeting of the full Panel and has been questioned about dealings they carried out for Guinness.

The Panel is believed to have examined whether Bank Leu, or its clients, for whom Cazenove purchased Distillers shares during the bid, could be regarded as associates of Guinness.

In particular, the Panel is believed to be interested in the purchase of a block of 10 million Distillers shares at a price 70p above the value of Guinness's cash offer. The shares were owned by Warburg Investment Management and purchased by clients of Cazenove.

A number of eyebrows were raised at the price that was paid at the time and Argyll Group, Guinness's rival for Distillers, complained about the transaction to the Takeover Panel. However, Cazenove assured the Panel that the purchaser was not an associate of Guinness.

If Distillers shares were purchased by a Guinness associate at above the price of their cash offer, this would have necessitated Guinness raising its offer to the level paid by the associate.

The Takeover Panel has been anxious to flex its muscles over Guinness. The Panel has been forced to sit on the sidelines and endure a barrage of criticism in Parliament and the City over its ability to police hostile takeover battles.

If it were to decide that the purchaser of the Warburg Investment Management stake was an associate of Guinness, it could rule retrospectively that Guinness should pay an extra 70p a share — or £150 million — to Distillers shareholders.

Sir Norman was also asked by a shareholder about the role Bain & Co, the US management consultant, was now playing at Guinness.

He said that Mr Anthony Tennant, the chief executive, had recently presented a paper on Bain to the Guinness board.

Mr Tennant told the shareholders that Guinness continued to use Bain on one or two consultancy projects that had been in hand for some time.

When asked whether the relationship with Bain would end once the existing projects were finished, Mr Tennant said there were other good management consultants apart from Bain, and where consultancy work was required, Guinness would choose the most appropriate.







A banker's world: Roger Seelig with Morgan Grenfell's City headquarters, left, and the home he shares with his mother

Roger Seelig: the very model of a modern merchant banker

By Richard Thomson, Lawrence Lever and Howard Foster

Roger Seelig seemed, until his fall in the spinoff from the Guinness affair, to be the very model of a modern merchant banker. Aggressively hard-working, an early obsessive with the cordless telephone, constantly merging his social and work life, the 41-year-old bachelor built up a reputation over the past eight years as the City's number one deal-maker.

His style was perfect for a City in which takeovers were played by increasingly rough rules for stakes which were rising ever faster.

It was a style and a skill which paid handsomely for him and for his bank, Morgan Grenfell.

He enjoys skiing and hunting and is a member of the Royal Society of Arts. A friend described him as preferring formal social occasions in London — such as official balls — to the hectic round of nightclubs and discotheques.

He has a home near Tetbury in Gloucestershire — Upton House, close to the Prince and Princess of Wales' Highgrove House — which he shares with his mother, but can often be contacted at a prestigious address in London W2 where he is believed to have a long-time girlfriend. He claims always to have been "too busy" to have married.

The pop tycoon, Richard Branson, for whom Seelig handled the flotation of the Virgin Group, became a friend, as did the property millionaire Elliot Bernerd of whose company, Stockley, Mr Seelig was a director.

A salary which even before Big Bang was estimated at about £250,000 and the chance to deal agressively on the Stock Exchange as long as he did not use inside information meant that money was no problem.

The arrangement worked well for his employers, too. Once regarded as stuffy and conservative, for years Morgan Grenfell has dominated the takeover and mergers league tables both in numbers of deals transacted and their value in money terms.

Morgan specialized in siding with the predator against the victim in takeover bids and in recent years the predators have often won. This owed much to the agressive tactics which Morgan developed to outwit its opponents.

The star of this success was undoubtedly Seelig who, if not always liked, was highly respected and feared by rivals

Seelig has spent most of his working life at Morgan

He joined the bank in 1971 following a short spell at Esso, where he was financial assistant to the treasurer. He holds an economics degree from the London School of Economics.

He became a corporate finance director of Morgan Grenfell in 1979. He was often in the thick of hotly contested and slightly controversial battles, such as the Guinness bid for Distillers, United Biscuits' battle with Hanson over Imperial Foods and Dixons bid for Curry's. He also played a part in the Burton takeover for Debenham, as adviser to Habitat which had linked itself with Burton to give its bid added credibility in the City. Morgan's attitude was that it was perfectly legitimate to stretch the takeover rules

According to Morgan insiders, the bank's senior management was unwilling to put bureaucratic shackles on Seelig who was earning them such hefty fees.

Policing the City poses problems

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Following the arrest of Roger Seelig, one of Britain's leading commercial law experts said yesterday that the Guinness affair has posed new questions about policing the City which may take the courts three years to resolve and cost anything up to £10 million.

Professor Robert Pennington, Professor of Commercial Law at Birmingham University and author of *Pennington's Company Law*, asked whether the novel use of the Theft Act will, in fact, collapse. The authorities, he argued, might have been better to leave the Guinness affair to be settled in the civil courts, without cost to the public.

But the police argue that they have not drawn up the charges. These, they say, have been the work of eminent counsel aware of legal niceties as they frame the charges.

The Department of Trade investigation from which the police inquiry was launched is continuing, and the police are being given transcripts of evidence collected by DTI inspectors. The introduction of the police into the inquiry was intended to speed up the investigation.

The police charges against various defendents have relied heavily on the Companies Act and the Theft Act 1968, which defines theft simply as "an action which appropriates property belonging to someone else with the intention of permanently depriving the other of it." The act does not suggest that the property has been taken for the alleged thief's own gain.

The police are using an area of the act for which Prof Pennington said there was little or no precedent in cases involving the business world. It has been used for cases where defendents are alleged to have used other people's credit cards.

Prof Pennington said the Guinness affair could involve defendants who simply said they were not stealing anything but receiving something from a responsible director of a company. He said: "It could very well be pleaded that however high the price he gave some advice, and it is up to the company to decide how much he should be paid.

"Unless there is evidence of bad faith or fraud it would look, I would have thought, that this was a matter for the Guinness directors to decide, and not something the courts could pronounce on. But we have not got any definite ruling on that sort of thing under the Theft Act."

Ronson's Heron calls off Eurobond issue

By John Bell, City Editor

Heron International, the £1.2 billion property to entertainments empire controlled by Mr Gerald Ronson and his family, has dropped plans to raise £50 million via a Eurobond issue.

Mr Ronson was charged this week with thetheft of £5.8 million in connection with the £2.7 billion takoever of Distillers by Guinness

Heron International said that it was not to proceed with the issue, which was launched on September 18 and was due to close next Monday. The company would not give any reasons for the change of plan.

Heron has been a regular user of the Eurobond markets for some time and its paper is normally well received in the market. As a private company, the group has no access to the usual sources of equity finance via leading stock exchanges. City sources were saying yesterday that Heron's withdrawal from the market was a temporary measure and that the issue postponed yesterday would be revived in the near future.

Bejam shares fall 6p on 20% profits rise

By Carol Ferguson

Response to Bejam's latest results was muted yesterday. The frozen food retailer matched expectations, announcing pretax profits up 19.5 per cent to £23.5 million and the share price fell 6p to 242p.

Turnover was up 24.4 per cent to £497 million.

However, Victor Value was included for the full year, compared with only 20 weeks last year. If Victor Value is excluded, the rise in turnover is 11.7 per cent.

Excluding turnover from new stores, the impact of the extra week — the year to July 4 was a 53-week period — and food price inflation of 1.5 per cent, the volume increase in Bejam stores was just 2.5 per cent compared with 2 per cent in the previous year.

The managing director, Mr Tim How, said he hoped to increase volumes further. He said: "We have a major programme to refurbish our stores at the rate of 40 a year. This includes introducing glass-lidded freezers. This is particularly important to display our new products — we introduced over 100 new Bejam-label frozen products last year."

New freezer centres contributed just under half of the turnover increase. A total of 32 Bejam stores came into operation last year, bringing the retail sales area up to 1.18 million square feet in 251 locations. Tempus, page 22

Changes promised in building society rules

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Mr Peter Lilley, Economic Secretary for the Treasury, yesterday promised building societies that clauses in last year's legislation that prevented societies from moving into new areas of business would be loosened.

Societies are also to be allowed to move loans off their balance sheets into finance vehicles without suffering capital adequacy penalties under guidlines issued by the Building Societies Commission.

The commission's proposals on off-balance sheet lending allow societies to avoid capital provision for loans where they act only as agents or administrators with no financial responsibility. It also allows societies to make nil capital weightings on loans transferred to finance vehicles in which the society had no shares and only one director.

Such vehicles could give a significant boost to the mortgage-backed securities market. They could also help building societies boost their unsecured lending, which carries heavy capital weightings if it is done on-balance sheet.

Mr Lilley told a meeting of society chief executives that Schedule 8 of the Building Societies Act would be changed so that it would describe what societies could do and what activities were forbidden.

The clause has been criticized by societies for being too restrictive.

Shares fall sharply after board rejects £226m bid

Trouble brews at Boddingtons

By Cliff Feltham

Shares in Boddingtons, the Manchester brewers, fell sharply yesterday after the pubs to disco group Midsummer Leisure abandoned plans to make a £226 million takeover bid for the business.

Midsummer had been prepared to offer 252p a share in return for the support of the Boddingtons board. But the brewing group, backed by its two main shareholders, threw out the proposal and — in its 100th year — opted for independence.

But if champagne was being uncorked in Manchester, stiff drinks were being ordered in London as the shares went as flat as yesterday's draught bitter. The shares, which had jumped 62p earlier in the week to 229p on the prospect of a bid being recommended, slumped 23p to finish the day at 195p. Dealers feel they could fall even further.

Midsummer Leisure, the old Camra real ale concern, lost no time in launching a strong attack on the attitude of the Boddingtons board. Mr Adam Page, the chairman, said he was surprised that Boddingtons — backed by the powerful Whitbread Investment Company and Britannic Assurance, which together control around 34 per cent of the equity — had turned down his plan for a get-together without even asking for a meeting to discuss his ideas.

He said: "I think Boddingtons have acted irresponsibly and in a feudal, high-handed manner which is not in the best interests of their shareholders, who have been deprived of the opportunity of an offer for their shares considerably in excess of the level at which they were trading before we came along.

"The Boddingtons directors appear to believe they have a divine right to run the company and I think they owe an explanation to their shareholders. Their own performance has not been good enough."

Midsummer Leisure is intending to hold on to its 2.1 per cent stake in the brewers, although Mr Page ruled out launching any hostile bid. He said: "There is certainly no prospect of us making a bid in the short term, but what has happened does not preclude either side from having second thoughts."

Mr Stephen Brisby, of Salomon Brothers International, the financial adviser to Midsummer Leisure, said: "We are surprised that Boddingtons considered our proposals to have no merit without even meeting to discuss them. We wanted an intelligent dialogue against a true, not a false, market, so we put the price up front."

Last night, Mr Hubert Reid, the managing director of Boddingtons, said: "We saw no point in meeting them to discuss their proposals. Our own board met and decided that we were not interested and, therefore, such a meeting would have been unnecessary."

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Kingsley half-time profits up 29%

The rapid growth of Kingsley & Forester, the Manchester toys and textiles group, has paid off in a 29 per cent rise in interim taxable profits to £1.11 million. Turnover was about £4 million better at £31.2 million and the half-time dividend remains at 1p. The results are the first following the group's acquisition in August of Comfy Quilts and Textiles, which will enable K & F to sell quilts, duvets and pillows.

Mr Arnold Forester, the chairman, said that a deal agreed in May with Fieldcrest Cannon of the United States, under which K & F will manufacture and distribute the American company's home textiles in Britain, would come into full operation next year.

Reed buys publisher

Reed International, the printing and publishing group, is increasing its presence in the free newspaper market in a deal which will expand the company's coverage in the greater London area to 1.3 million sales. Reed is buying Billington & Wright, publisher of the Independent Group of Free Newspapers, which distributes more than 500,000 copies weekly.

Savage in £5m deal

Savage Group, the USM-listed shelving manufacturer, is paying £5.5 million for Newton Holdings, which packages and supplies BEL door furniture. There will be further payments up to a maximum of £8.5 million, depending on profits over the next two years. Last year Newton increased profits before tax from £196,000 to £586,000 on turnover of £6.8 million.

Loss for Musterlin

Shares in Musterlin Group, the Oxford packaging and book-publishing specialist, fell sharply yesterday after news of a £268,000 loss in the first half of the current year. There was a modest profit of £36,000 in the first half of last year. The 18p fall in Musterlin shares, to 155p, reflected surprise at the loss following the confident words of Mr George Riches, the chairman, last April, when he said that the outlook was for further firm growth.

Musterlin, which publishes high-quality art and art history books under the Phaidon imprint, said prospects for the full year were encouraging in all sectors, though much remained to be achieved in the second six months. Shareholders are to receive an unchanged interim dividend of 1p a share.

Abbey seeks £11.6m

Abbey, the Dublin house-builder and plant hire group, is raising £11.6 million through a placing of 3.52 million shares at 330p each. The shares are being placed by the Dublin stockbroker J&E Davy to provide funds for buying building and plant hire companies. Abbey said that strengthening its capital base would enhance the board's ability to maximize profitability.

TDS Circuits stays in red

TDS Circuits, the printed circuit board maker, remained deep in the red during the first six months. Pretax losses were £205,000 compared with £546,000 last year. The loss was struck after a £700,000 credit from a loss of profits insurance arrangement following a factory fire. A further £320,000 will be credited to the profit and loss account in the second half.

Abaco pays out £1m

Abaco Investments, the fast-growing financial services company whose aggressive acquisition policy led to a near-fivefold growth in profits last year, announced its latest purchase yesterdaynn. It is paying £1.08 million for the Birkett Stevens Colman Partnership, a consulting civil engineering firm with offices in Leeds and London.

The partnership, which made pretax profits of £162,000 in the year to June, will allow Abaco to widen the range of building and technical services offered by its existing subsidiaries, AVC Technical Services Group and Mott Green & Wall. About £700,000 of the purchase price will be paid in cash and the balance in new shares.

Delyn trebles interim profit

Strong demand for consumer plastic packaging helped Delyn Packaging more than treble interim pretax profits to £155,000, but it is warning shareholders not to expect a similar boom in the second half. Delyn is expanding into consumer areas, such as cosmetics. Turnover grew from £2.69 million to £3.57 million in the six months to August. The dividend rises from 0.25p to 0.375p.

First-half lull hits Billam

J Billam, the Sheffield sheet metal engineer, swung from a £145,875 pretax profit to a £46,000 loss in the first half of the year. The board said it was difficult to make predictions as it was hit by a lull in its sector in the first few months of this year. But it is confident of recovering in the second half. The shares lost 10p at 198p. The company is paying an interim dividend of 1.6p, up from 1.5p last time.

STOCK MARKET

Dealers confident of rally after £5bn blitz on shares

By Michael Clark

Share prices on the London stock market are expected to stage a welcome rally when trading resumes today.

That was last night's confident prediction of several brokers and fund managers who have watched London put up an impressive rearguard action during the past couple of days in the wake of the upheavals on Wall Street, which tumbled by a record-breaking 95 points overnight after the worse-than-expected American trade figures.

Market-makers, worried by the prospect of heavy selling, went on the defensive from the start. By the close of business, about £5 billion had been wiped from share values. But selling pressure was again described as light as fund managers beat a hasty retreat to the sidelines and appeared content to bide their time. Prices closed above their worst levels of the day, helped by the appearance of a few cheap buyers after hours and a steadier tone in renewed trading on Wall Street.

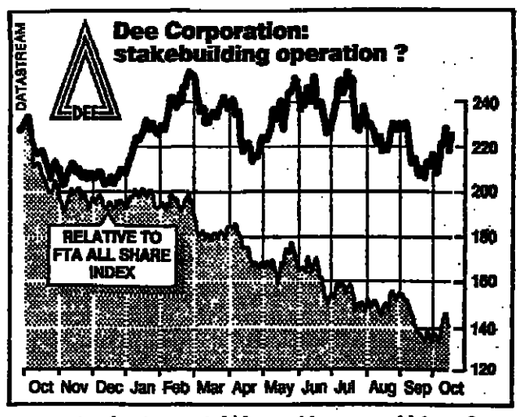
Most brokers claim that because of the pound's strength on the foreign exchanges, the chances of another rise in base rates can be ruled out — for the time being.

The FT index of 30 shares finished 21.8 lower at 1,812.9 — its lowest level for a month — after being 27.9 down at one stage. The broader FT-SE 100, down 33.5 earlier, closed 21.0 lower at 2,301.9.

Gilts, still perturbed by the prospect of dearer money, ran into a few nervous sellers. Losses at the longer end stretched to £1¼.

BP put up a steady performance after the confirmation that the remaining shares being sold by the Government were being offered at 330p each with investors paying an initial 120p. BP had suffered a last-minute bout of jitters on Wednesday, worried by reports of one large seller doing the rounds. The price ended the day only 2p lower at 349p despite the shake-out in the rest of the market.

The big four clearing banks also regained some of their composure after Wednesday's shake-out and the Governor of the Bank of England's comments about recent bid speculation. Lloyds Bank led the way higher on reports in *The Times* that Brazil may be willing to start repaying some of the interest on its commercial bank debt, totalling $68 million (£41 million). This will be particularly good news for Lloyds with a big exposure to South America. The shares rose by 11p to 363p.



● Dealers, unperturbed by the 4p fall to 460p in Ranks Hovis McDougall shares, pointed out the price has risen 20p in the past month on renewed bid hopes. Goodman Fielder, which owns 21 per cent of RHM, completed its merger with Wattie Industries this week. Hopes are high it will turn its attention to RHM.

Midland Bank, which has also lent a lot of money to South America, recovered an early fall to finish 2p dearer at 520p. But **Barclays Bank** fell 9p to 605p, while **National Westminster Bank** eased 1p to 749p.

But the strength of sterling was causing a few headaches for the big exporters. **BAT Industries** fell 13p to 666p, **Allied-Lyons** 7p to 428p and **RTZ** 35p to £13.08.

Hopes that a stake-building exercise may be under way lifted the shares of **Dee Corporation**, the Gateway and International Stores supermarket chain, by 6p to 226p as more than 7 million shares changed hands. The price has now risen by 10 per cent in the past two weeks, amid unusually high turnover and, according to market sources, could go even higher after a prolonged period in the doldrums.

There has been talk that **Hillsdown Holdings**, the acquisitive food producer and furniture manufacturer, has been quietly buying the shares. Optimists hope that it could be the prelude to a full bid. There is talk that Dee could command a break-up value of 350p a share with its interests in both Britain and the US.

Last year, Dee spent about £1 billion on acquisitions, including the Herman's Sporting Goods chain in the US. Most of the purchases were financed by the issue of extra shares — which is probably the single biggest reason for the underperformance of the share price this year.

Hillsdown has made more than 50 acquisitions in the past couple of years, but has never taken on a company the size of Dee, which currently boasts a price-tag of almost £2 billion. By comparison, Hillsdown, up 3p at 355p, is valued at only about £1.4 billion.

Hillsdown's name is also being linked to that of S&W Berisford, the commodity trader and food group, currently the target of a bid from Associated British Foods. Hillsdown made an offer for Berisford last year, along with Tate & Lyle and Groupo Ferruzzi, the Italian food group. The bids were eventually blocked by the Monopolies Commission.

Berisford finished 4p dearer at 422p. Earlier this week, the price fell as low as 407p, on worries about the course of events in the Guinness affair. Berisford bought a stake in Guinness during its battle for control of Distillers through one of its subsidiaries.

The rest of the food retailing sector has been a hotbed of bid speculation recently. Hopes of a bid for **Kwik Save Discount**, 3p down at 389p, were raised after the Hong Kong Dairy, an associate of the big Jardine Mattheson group, bought a large stake. Earlier this week, **Wm Low**, the regional supermarket chain, was chased higher on the news that Rainbow, the New Zealand investment company now controlled by Mr Ron Brierley, has bought a 5 per cent stake. Wm Low finished 6p easier at 800p. Rainbow also has a similar-sized holding in another food retailer, **Normans**, unchanged at 78p.

Elsewhere in retailing, **Great Universal Stores** A stood out with a rise of 33p to £14.28 despite a line of 450,000 shares going through the market on Wednesday. Several leading brokers have been big buyers of the shares in the past couple of weeks in the hope that they are due for a strong run.

Now there is talk that GUS may be about to arrange closer trading links with one of Australia's big retailers that might involve a cross-holding in each other's shares. GUS already has a similar arrangement with Harris Queensway, the household furniture retailer. But this has attracted criticism from the City which has been compounded by recent poor figures from Harris Queensway. Worries that any new deal might push it out into the cold saw the price open lower but it recovered, to close all-square at 171p.

● Stanhope Properties made a dream debut on the USM yesterday after being offered at a minimum price of 180p. Struck at 250p, the price closed at 312p — premium of 62p — and capitalizing the entire group at £347 million. It is now within a whisker of becoming the largest company quoted on the USM.

ALPHA STOCKS

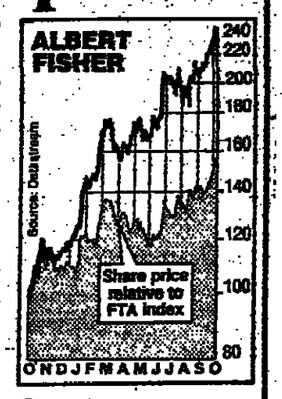
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C&W	5,234	Lasmo	582	Rothmn 'B'	1,083		
Cadbury	2,876	Ladbroke	1,154	Rowntree	2,432		

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TEMPUS

Fisher leader of the pack

Economists estimate that 50 cents in every dollar spent by Americans on food by 1990 will be spent outside the home. Half of Albert Fisher's sales come from supplying restaurants, hotels and institutions. Consequently, the lead established by Fisher in 1982, when its new board was first to spot the potential for a big player in a highly-fragmented industry, has increased.



Profits more than doubled from £8.4 million to £18.5 million in the year to end-August and, even after stripping out the 14 acquisitions during the year, they were a third higher than last time.

Fisher's reputation in the acquisition field — retaining existing management and rewarding it with sophisiticated incentive deals — now precedes it, which will be helpful as it puts the final pieces of its United States network together on the northern stretches of the East Coast and as it prepares for an invasion of the Continent, based on its recently-acquired Dutch foothold.

The acquisition programme will continue to be fast and furious. About £69 million of last summer's rights issue money is still sitting in the bank — it was responsible for £1.7 million of the profit — and cash resources are put at £140 million. That would mean gearing of 60 per cent.

The way forward in Britain may yet be through a huge merger but forget ideas of a hostile bid — and that rules out the market's favourite, Fitch Lovell.

Fisher's share price, aided by the promise of an effective 50 per cent dividend increase for the current year, bucked the market trend yesterday, adding 3p to 230p. Last May the rights shares could be had for 154p. Only now are institutional investors waking up to Fisher's achievements and potential. Its shares will not lag behind.

Caparo

The light at the end of the tunnel is drawing closer for Caparo Industries. Although Fidelity seems unlikely to attract an outside buyer or a joint venture partner, the private company belonging to Caparo's chairman, Swraj Paul, is prepared to buy it.

This assumes the time and money invested in Fidelity will reap rewards but not on a time scale acceptable to the group's ordinary shareholders.

Moreover, Fidelity's problems have placed a drain on management resources, restricting opportunities.

By the year-end, the disposal of Fidelity should coincide with the purchase of an engineering company.

The rest of Caparo is trading well, benefiting from tighter management. However, full-year figures will be depressed by £800,000 from unsuccessful currency hedging.

Group profits for the year may include a full year's losses from Fidelity if still part of the group (giving pretax profits of £3.2 million) or the first three months' losses only (making pretax profits of £5 million).

Whatever, the worst is over and the shares have further to go on the recovery route.

Bejam opens up

Bejam's core business is not one to set the heart beating faster and the pulse racing. Freezer centres, whoever is running them, are not the most attractive places to shop, and the big supermarkets have been capturing an increasing proportion of frozen food sales.

In recognition of this, Bejam is refurbishing its stores and the food itself will be better displayed in glass-lidded freezer cabinets. Bejam is also broadening the range of products it sells, both frozen and chilled.

But the key to growth lies in a faster rate of store openings, and last year the group opened more selling space than at any time in its history. This year it will do the same again.

Victor Value, Bejam's limited range discount chain, is still struggling to make a meaningful contribution to profits. Last year, the first full year since acquisition, it did little better than cover its interest costs although the integration of the purchasing and computer departments makes exact measurement difficult. To become viable in its own right, it needs to reach a critical mass of about 100 stores, double the number it has.

The group has, however, experienced the benefits of greater grocery purchasing power since buying Victor Value and pretax margins in the rest of the business, excluding Victor Value, increased from 5.6 per cent to 5.9 per cent.

Sales of electrical appliances were disappointingly flat. Most of Bejam's sales are replacement appliances and it intends to increase its emphasis on dishwashers, where market penetration is still comparatively low.

On the basis of yesterday's results, Mr Paul Smiddy, retail analyst at Wood Mackenzie, the stockbroker, has slightly upgraded his forecast for this year to £28.5 million pretax. The bid fever surrounding the group earlier this year has evaporated and the prospective multiple of 17.4 is justified by the fundamentals, but there are more exciting prospects elsewhere in the sector.

Cookson acquires Spanish company

Cookson, the specialist industrial materials group, is buying a 91 per cent stake in Zircolor, a Spanish-based manufacturer of compounds for the ceramics industry. No figure has been put on the acquisition, but it is not thought to be a significant amount.

Parkway Group

Parkway Group has conditionally agreed to purchase Blackburn Print. The initial consideration is about £620,000 — £250,000 in cash and the issue of 100,000 new ordinary shares.

Pretax deficit

No interim dividend is being paid by Baillie Gifford Technology for the half-year to August 31. Gross income fell to £101,342 (£168,027) and there was a pretax deficit of £21,783 (£53,508 profit). The loss per share was 0.22p (earnings 0.34p).

Bisichi Tin level

Bisichi Tin's turnover was almost unchanged at £140,000 (£136,000) for the first half of this year. Pretax profit was £73,000 (£70,000). There is an extraordinary credit of £117,000 (£6,000 debit). Earnings per share, before extraordinary items, were 0.81p (0.75p). No interim dividend is being paid (nil).

Dividend raised

Nu-Swift Industries is paying an interim dividend of 2p (1.75p) for the first half of this year. On turnover of £65.12 million (£57.16 million), pretax profit rose to £11.25 million (£6.02 million). This year there are extraordinary debits of £320,000 (£2.11 million). Earnings per share were 13.17p (9.43p). The board continues to be encouraged by the progress in the first half of 1987.

Radamec ahead

On turnover up from £3.96 million to £5.12 million, Radamec Group's pretax profit reached £602,000 (£579,000) in the first half of this year. Earnings per share, based on a weighted average, were 2.43p (2.58p). An interim dividend of 0.5p is being paid.

Cityvision rights

On a turnover of £1.87 million (£1.2 million), Cityvision made a pretax profit of £241,000 (£119,000) in the half-year to May 31. Earnings per share were 0.57p (0.39p). The company has conditionally agreed to acquire the remaining 50 per cent of Videoserve, together with a loan of £1 million, for £3 million. The acquisition will be funded by a £4.37 million rights issue. Capel-Cure Myers has conditionally agreed to subscribe for the 5.46 million new ordinary shares at 80p each and to offer them all to shareholders at 80p each on a one-for-six basis.

Alfa-Laval up

Net sales of Alfa-Laval reached 6,598 million Swedish kronor (£628 million) in the eight months to August 31 against 5,901 million kronor last time. Income, before special adjustments and tax, was 418 million kronor (395 million kronor).

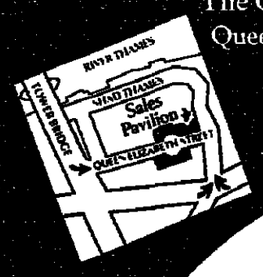
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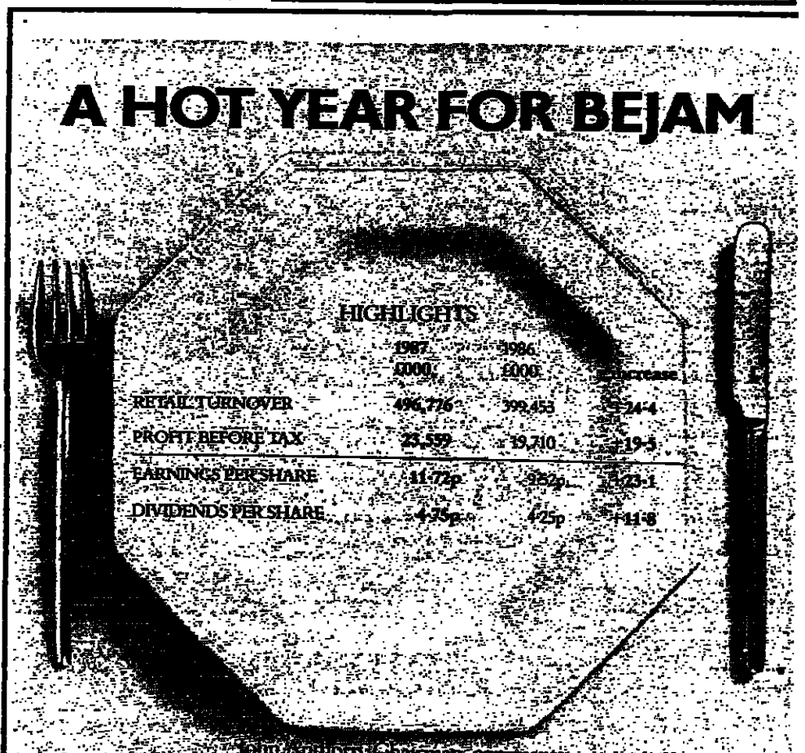
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A HOT YEAR FOR BEJAM



John Arnold, Chairman, comments:

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A record 32 new Bejam stores were opened during the year, including a group of 13 stores in Scotland.

A three year store refurbishment programme has commenced, including the installation of glass-lidded freezers throughout.

Over 100 new Bejam frozen food products introduced this year.

Range of goods offered is now wider than ever, with over 90% of stores offering chilled fresh foods.

The Board has been restructured to maintain the Group's rapid growth.

Bejam We're hot

Our 1987 Annual Report will be published shortly. For a copy please contact the Company Secretary at Bejam Group PLC, 1 Garland Road, Honeypot Lane, Stanmore, Middlesex HA7 1LE.


John Rogers

Banner headline: Royal Marines abseiling BP's 32-storey London headquarters building to unveil a placard announcing the offer price of the shares

BP set for a 30% premium

By David Young

The Government yesterday confirmed that it is selling its 31.5 per cent holding in BP at a price of 330p per share, a discount of 6 per cent.

The City is already predicting that the partly-paid shares will go to a premium of up to 30 per cent when trading starts on October 30 at 2.30pm.

However, the Government said yesterday that past evidence shows that small investors will hold on to the shares for at least three years and will collect the one-for-10 shares loyalty bonus on offer.

Originally 50 per cent of the shares now on sale were earmarked for overseas investors. Now 65 per cent will be allocated to small British investors.

Demand from overseas is so strong that the premium price expected to be offered by Japanese and US buyers will compensate for the discounts being offered.

The Government's financial adviser, NM Rothschild, said the entire £7.2 billion worth of shares could easily have been sold abroad.

Mr Norman Lamont, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said: "Share ownership in Britain is no longer a rich man's hobby. The Government is hoping in this sale to build on its success in promoting wider share ownership.

"Over 6¼ million individuals have registered with the share information office. Fifty per cent of the offer had initially been set aside to meet demand from the UK public. In the event of heavy demand from the public, this can be increased to 62.5 per cent.

"The Government will, therefore, receive at least £7 billion, of which BP will receive at least £1.5 billion

"We expect total proceeds to be higher because shares in the international offer are likely to be sold at a higher price than those in the fixed-price offer. The outcome of this will not be known until October 30.

"The Government has had a shareholding in BP for over 70 years. But no government has ever actively used the shareholding for its special powers over the company. As such, it has thrived and become Britain's biggest company and one of the most successful oil companies.

"This government shareholding in a private-sector company has always been something of an anomaly and for that reason the Government has decided after three earlier sales to make a final sale of its residual shareholding."

Mr Michael Richardson, managing director of NM Rothschild, said: "At the fixed-offer price, the first-year gross yield of 12 per cent is significantly higher than that available on comparable equity. This is aside from a 17p discount to market price."

The discounted price will be payable in three instalments, the first of £1.20 on application, the second of £1.05 on August 30 next year and the third of £1.05 on April 27, 1989.

In addition, individuals who buy shares in the British offer and hold them for three years will be eligible for one free bonus share on every 10 shares bought, up to a maximum of 150 bonus shares.

The minimum level of application will be 80 shares, costing £264 of which the initial investment will be £96.

Individuals who were registered with the BP share information office by October 9, and who apply on personalized blue application forms – which will be sent to them this weekend – will be guaranteed an allocation of 100 shares. They will be given preference on a basis yet to be determined when shares are allocated if heavy demand results in applications being scaled down.

ABF concern over Berisford finance

By Carol Ferguson

Associated British Foods' chairman, Mr Garry Weston, yesterday posted his formal offer document to shareholders of the commodity trader, S&W Berisford, claiming: "Berisford is a collection of unrelated businesses, suffering from widespread uncertainty about its direction and strategy."

Setting out his argument that Berisford's shareholders should accept his 400p a share offer, which values the group at £767 million, he claims Berisford's profit record has been erratic, while profits of its wholly owned subsidiary, British Sugar, "have declined in every year since it was acquired by Berisford, up to 1986."

He expresses scepticism about claims of recent changes in Berisford's management, and says that there are fundamental grounds for concern over the group's financial structure. "Further cash is needed to refinance the business," he says.

S&W Berisford is strongly resisting the claims. Mr Henry Lewis, the deputy chairman, said it would be putting out a formal defence, and that a profit forecast would be forthcoming as soon as he could get the numbers together. Berisford's financial year ended on October 1.

He confirmed that British Sugar's record had suffered in recent years, but said new management had been put in. "And if he is sceptical about the management changes," Mr Lewis continued, "that can only be the result of not reading our press releases."

Arbuthnot likely to be sold

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

Arbuthnot Latham, one of the City's smallest merchant banks, is expected to be sold by its parent, the Swedish bank Nordbanken, just over a year after it was bought from Dow Chemical Bank.

Nordbanken paid £40 million for Arbuthnot 14 months ago, but has now decided it is not large enough to support that size of investment.

The merchant bank has recently seen a dramatic improvement in profits after reorganization of its management team. Mr Peter Greenhalgh, recruited from Hill Samuel, and Mr Kjell Herrlin, joint managing directors, aim for a return on capital of 25 per cent in the next three years.

C&W Hong Kong merger 'near'

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

Trading in the shares of Hong Kong Telephone Company was yesterday suspended on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange during talks between Cable and Wireless with the government about merging Cable and Wireless (Hong Kong) and Hong Kong Telephone.

Hong Kong Telephone, last night refused to discuss details of the talks but said they were at "an advanced stage".

It is understood Hong Kong Telephone, 79 per cent owned by Cable and Wireless, is to be merged with Cable and Wireless (Hong Kong), 80 per cent owned by Cable and Wireless and 20 per cent owned by the government.

Recently Mr Li Ka-Shing, the Hong Kong businessman, took a 4.9 per cent stake in British-based Cable and Wireless.

One possible result of the talks is an increase in public ownership of the new company, possibly at the expense of the government shareholding.

This seems particularly likely in view of the fact that the Crown Colony is due to be handed back to China in 1997. China is unlikely to want its communications systems to be in the hands of a company in which the British Government has an interest.

It is also possible that Cable and Wireless wishes to reduce its shareholding based on a 1981 undertaking given by the British company that it would extend public ownership in Cable and Wireless (Hong Kong) "at a more opportune time".

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Nine Guinness bottles hanging on the wall

The Guinness affair is growing in all directions. What started out almost 11 months ago as a punitive expedition against one company which was deemed to have transgressed Establishment rules and against one man, Ernest Saunders, who has subsequently been charged with criminal and other offences, is spreading out over a wider front. Whereas the original intention was to bring back a few heads on poles as an example to others, at the inevitable cost of some damage to Guinness plc, it is now clear that the number of casualties will be much greater and the damage more widespread than envisaged at the beginning.

The City (a flexible four-letter word to cover industry and commerce as well as the financial services that are properly synonymous with the Square Mile) is always a potential danger area for the Tory Party, especially in the approach to general elections. In December last year, an official Department of Trade inquiry into Guinness, even if it had not raised important legal questions, was politically unavoidable. I understand the Prime Minister, when informed of her ministers' decision to send in inspectors, immediately saw in her mind's eye hundreds of City figures appearing at the Old Bailey. Whether she was apprehensive or excited by the prospect is unclear. Either way, her perception of Guinness making waves beyond its own shores was correct.

So far, the Guinness inquiry has led to arrests of five decidedly non-Establishment figures – Ernest Saunders who has been made to suffer grievously before he has been tried; Sir Jack Lyons, a man of many connections who gave Guinness "valuable advice"; Anthony Parnes, a stockbroker heavily involved in share transactions during the Guinness bid for Distillers; Gerald Ronson, a substantial buyer of Guinness shares, who received substantial fees from Guinness for the support he gave; and Roger Seelig, merchant banker extraordinary who while at Morgan Grenfell was Guinness's corporate finance adviser during the Distillers bid.

No one seriously believes that arrests will, or should, end there. On Tuesday, after being charged with another 37 offences, Mr Saunders said that it had been suggested he sent 10 photocopies of the charge sheet "to the people who should really receive them." Ten may have been a round number picked out the air, but in fact it happens to be the number of participants in the Guinness affair (it includes Mr Seelig) whose involvement is well documented and who cannot fail to be in the Metropolitan Fraud Squad's sights.

Since April, the police have been in the forefront, armed with transcripts of evidence from the Department of Trade inspectors. Moreover, the latest charges against Mr Saunders, Mr Ronson and Sir Jack Lyons have referred to them as co-defendants and they have also introduced the charge of conspiracy – an advance in seriousness from the mainly technical offences with which Mr Saunders was first charged.

While all this feverish police activity has been going on, the DTI investigation has quietly slipped into the background. My understanding is that the inspectors have completed their work. If that is true two fascinating questions arise: 1. When will their report be published? 2. What evidence have the inspectors found that suggests, or even proves, that share support operations of the kind conducted by Guinness during its bid for DCL were not a Guinness preserve but were used successfully in other mega-takeover bids?

The answer to the first question is that the Guinness inspectors' report is unlikely to be published until all criminal proceedings against participants in the Guinness affair have been concluded. As it is already being suggested that legal preparations for these actions may take at least two years, we may all be a great deal older before the report sees the light of day – if ever it does.

Non-publication, of course, would not preclude legal action against other takeover bidders and their supporters if there is sufficient evidence to justify arrests and charges. It would be totally wrong if the Guinness-DCL bid were made the scapegoat for certain practices, not all, which hitherto the City has taken as par for the course.

Higher US rates

After Alan Greenspan's bullish comments about the US economy, markets were expecting something better than another massive trade deficit of $15.68 billion.

They took the news badly, the dollar dropping a pfennig to DM1.81 and Wall Street taking fright. The stock market also fell in London and interbank rates rose. Clearly, the poor US figures increase the likelihood of a further rise in US interest rates; and Chemical duly raised its prime rate yesterday to 9¾ per cent. But with the pound knocking against its unofficial ceiling of DM3 for the past few days, it would be astonishing to see an increase in British rates.

The survival of the Louvre accord on exchange stability depends ultimately on markets not following each other like sheep. The latest trade figures will again increase pressure on the dollar and the degree of support it needs to stay where it is in relation to other currencies. This support may come either from fiscal changes, a widening of interest rate differentials or, more probably in the short-term, from central bank intervention. Adjustment is made harder if everyone is adjusting in the same direction.

SIB indicates flexibility on rule book

By Colin Narbrough

The Securities and Investments Board, which oversees the new regulatory regime for financial services, yesterday published the first book of its final rules – the yardstick for the City's five self-regulating organizations.

"This is in no way a provisional rule book. These are for real," Sir Kenneth Berrill, the SIB chairman, said. But, echoing Wednesday's comments by Lord Young, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, he said the SIB intended to be "flexible about the rough bits."

The book provided the "core rules to regulate the carrying-on of investment business by firms directly regulated by the SIB and will set the standard for regulation throughout the industry."

They address concerns investors have about broking and investment firms. The main changes from earlier drafts are a revised definition of a business investor and a new rule on advising customers about protection.

The rules make a sharper distinction between private and retail investors and will be applied vigorously where "amateur" investors are involved.

The new rule, 2.18, requires a firm introducing a would-be investor to a firm beyond the reach of the Financial Services Act to warn the investor.

Rules on notification, fees and cancellation will be issued next month, with sections on collective investment schemes and compensation due next year.

There would be teething problems, Sir Kenneth said, but rules could be changed "reasonably quickly".

The six-month delay in implementation of section 62 of the Act concerning the investors' right to sue firms which breach SRO rules should help the system "to bed down smoothly."

He said the timetable for implementation, set for April, except for section 62, was "very tight".

The SIB was still engaged in consultations on unit trusts.



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The lads do good on the day

The sudden loss of an entire team of analysts – an event that has happened with some regularity since Big Bang – need not always be such a bad thing for the firm concerned. After studying the new Extel financial league table of leading investment analysts, Kleinwort Grieveson director Bernard Donoughue, whose firm crept into 10th place, told me: "It is a credit to all the young analysts I recruited." Lord Donoughue, who was, until recently, head of KG's research, continued: "They lowered the average age by 10 and raised the average IQ by 20. Interestingly, the firms which poached my old Grieveson Grant analysts last year – Scrimgeour, Phillips & Drew and Morgan Grenfell – all slipped in the ratings." He added, tongue in cheek: "I said at the time they poached them that their loss was my gain." Scrimgeour slipped from third to sixth place, and P&D from second to fourth. If the said firms want to take issue with him they will find the Labour lord giving the jubilee lecture, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his old Oxford college, Nuffield, this evening. He will be sharing the podium with Lord Jenkins, whose first public official task this will be since being elected Chancellor of the university.

Banquet on it

I bring news that will send footsteps hurrying to Whitehall. Inigo Jones's beautiful Banqueting House, set amid the government buildings, erected in 1622 and hitherto used only for government or artistic functions, is now available to businesses for luncheons, conferences and evening receptions. In the past, companies which requested permission to hire it were refused but now – at a cost of £1,700 plus catering, I hear – they are to be allowed to use it. Social events, like wedding receptions and dinner dances, are still banned, however. The change of policy is apparently due to "commercial considerations." Guests who have never before trodden such hallowed ground will be able to see the grand ceiling painted by Rubens when he was visiting London as a civil servant with an Italian government delegation.



● **Putting the size of BP's flotation into perspective, Robert Horne Group, Britain's largest independent paper merchant, where the chairman is none other than Sir Kenneth Berrill, used up more than 2,000 tonnes of paper to produce the prospectuses and other documentation for the offer. This compares to 1,300 tonnes for British Gas, 700 for TSB, 400 for Rolls-Royce, 400 for British Telecom, 300 for British Airways and 200 between them for Jaguar and Wellcome.**

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Clearer tunnel vision

Investors wondering whether a stake in Eurotunnel might help supplement their pension in years to come may care to consider this insight into the thinking of the company's co-chairman, Alastair Morton. Still haggling with Equiticorp over his golden goodbye after vacating the chair at Guinness Peat, Morton is already thinking about making provision for his retirement. Drumming up US interest for Eurotunnel, he recently confided to a bunch of American investors that he always planned to retire by the year 2000, by which time it is his ambition to see dividends from Eurotunnel matching the issue share price. Unfortunately we will not know exactly what that means until the price is revealed next month.

Fast and furriers

The cloud hanging over Wall Street may not have a silver lining – but it certainly has a furry one. Edd Jacobs, who owns Somner Furs, a furrier's on Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills, has this week been reducing the cost of his priciest item – a $260,000 (£157,000) full-length Russian lynx coat designed by Christian Dior – in line with Wall Street. With each daily fall, Jacobs has lowered the price by $1,200, and "I'll keep doing it for as long as the market keeps falling," he says. "And if the Dow Jones gets as low as 1,500, I'll give it away. We'll all be on the breadline then so it won't matter either way."

Hidden asset

One would have thought that the worst thing that could happen to a former Financial and Industrial Editor of *The Times* would be to end his career as "Mr Invisible". But William Clarke, whose retirement as director-general of the British Invisible Exports Council was lamented by the Earl of Limerick, the Council chairman, in its annual report published yesterday, earned his sobriquet for all the right reasons. According to Lord Limerick, Bill Clarke succeeded in putting invisible trade on the map as long ago as the 1950s and "inspired countless people in both private and public sectors to take an active interest in understanding and promoting invisible trade."

Carol Leonard

APPOINTMENTS

Davidson chief

Davidson Pearce Group: Mr **Daniel Hodson** becomes chief executive.

Amadeus Group: Mr **Hans Jorgensen** joins as director of airline services and Dr **Dieter Farber** is made senior vice-president of marketing.

Private Label Mortgage Services: Mr **Stephen Knight** has been appointed chairman and managing director. Mr **Nicholas Deutsch**, Mr **Barry Field** and Mr **Michael Kelly** join the board.



Stephen Knight: Private Label Mortgage chairman

Prescot Underwriting & Management Services: Mr **John Reeder** is named director in charge of the engineering underwriting department.

Oxy-Dry (UK): Mr **Anthony Houchen** has been made managing director.

Henderson Administration: Mr **Charles Lindsell** becomes deputy managing director at Henderson Pension Fund Management and Miss **Anthea Nugent** a director. Miss **Davina Walter** becomes an investment director of Henderson Administration Ltd.

ComputerLand Europe: Mr **Mauro Marcucci** has been named managing director.

Kuwait Petroleum (GB): Mr **Brian Stanley** becomes managing director from November 1. Mr **John Auld** becomes director of aviation at Kuwait Petroleum International.

MSL Group International: Mr **Barry Curnow** has been made chairman. Mr **John Woodger** becomes business development director; Mr **John Hodgson** managing director of operations; and Mr **Jeff Couling** financial director designate.

Rex Stuart Group: Mr **TS Corrigan** has been named non-executive chairman.

OPD Management Consultants: Mr **Dennis Clarke** joins the board.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
October 5	October 16	January 7	January 18

Call options were taken out on: 15/10/87 Noble & Lund, Elswick, Comrol Secs., TSB, Eagle Trust, Ossery, Polly Peck, Camford Eng., Hammerson Ord., Lon Secs., Stanhope, Greenwich Res., BOMS, Dares Est., Rothmans, HP Bulmer, Tarmac, Charterhall, Oliver Prospecting, B Prest, Astra Trust, Exploura Hldgs., Norfolk Caps., BCE Hldgs., Boddingtons, Wm Low, Bula.

Puts: JE England.

Puts & Calls: Polly Peck, Hammerson, TSB, Greenwich Res.

Britain tops US in invisible earnings

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Britain leads the world in net invisible trade, the British Invisible Exports Council said in its annual report published yesterday.

Figures compiled by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, and cited by the council in its annual report, show Britain's net invisible earnings overtook those of the US last year.

Invisible earnings are those on tourism, shipping, air transport and financial services, plus interest, profit and dividends on investments abroad.

This was partly because of the escalating cost of financing the US budget deficit the report says. However, it was also due to to the "undoubted competitiveness" of Britain's invisible exports.

The council also produced data suggesting a strong increase in Britain's share of the world market in invisible trade.

Britain's share has been under-reported for several years, the report says, because British banks have been reporting net margins on borrowing and lending margins abroad, whereas other countries have been reporting gross flows of interest paid and received.

Adjusting for this gives a rosy picture of Britain's position in the world market. In 1985, the figures show, Britain had 16.6 per cent of the world market in invisibles, up from 14.2 per cent in 1975 and 15.7 per cent in 1980.

The only country with a larger share was the US, with 21.5 per cent in 1985. But the indications are that Britain is catching up with the US on this measure of invisibles performance as well.

France had the third biggest share of the world market in 1985, with 9.6 per cent, followed by Japan on 6.9 per cent and West Germany with 6.5 per cent.

The private sector had an invisibles surplus with the rest of the world of £12 billion last year, with financial institutions in surplus by £9.4 billion.

The Earl of Limerick, chairman of the British Invisible Exports Council, said it was important regulation in the City did not stifle the innovation on which Britain's overseas success had been based.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

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Alexander Walter	261
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Butte Mining (100p)	171 +13
Cauldon	45 +½
Corporate Prop	106 –4
Dolphin Packg (106p)	145 –3
Econ Forestry	128 +5
Explaura	49½ –½
Glamar Gp	238
Gundehouse	115
ISA Intl (80p)	148
Kingston Oil (100p)	135 –1
Knobs Knockers	139 +1
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Premark Intl	£16⅞ –⅜
Richards	97 –1
Rolls-Royce (170p)	206½ –1½
Ross Consumer (165p)	223
Rural Plan	115 +4
Sec Archives	243 –7
Stanhope Props (250p)	312
URS Intl	91 +1
USDC Inv	185 –1
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New England N/P	11 –2
Sketchley N/P	79 –4
Wace N/P	33
Warrington N/P	28 +3
Williams Rex N/P	70 –2

(Issue price in brackets).

THIRD MARKET

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offr	Chg
440	180	Abelscot Gp	400	430	n/c
54½	10	Aberdeen AP	43	46	n/c
150	110	Allied Ins	140	150	n/c
285	121	Broadcast C	270	280	–4
105	35	Catalyst C	101	105	+2
150	24	Canton Beach	123	128	–2
63	10	Eglinton Oil	25	27	n/c
41	6	Do Warrant	16	18	–1
82	17	Publishing H	69	86	–1
85½	45¼	Thorne Hdgs	78	81	–5
141	112½	Unit Group	127	137	–1

WALL STREET

Dow edges up in early trading

New York (Agencies) — Shares generally remained lower in early trading yesterday, but blue chips rose as they recovered from a key support level to a gain. The Dow Jones industrial average was 0.30 of a point higher at 2,413 after falling to 2,388 at the opening. Analysts consider that the 2,400 area is an important support level. However, declining shares outnumbered rising ones by 11 to one.

Miners of precious metals gained as they are considered a haven from troubled financial markets. Asa Ltd rose by 1⅜ to 63½, Homestake was up by 1½ to 44⅞ and Newmont Gold rose 1¾ to 40⅞.

On Wednesday, the Dow average dropped by a record 95.46 points, with selling triggered by the worse-than-expected US trade deficit for August.

● Midland, Michigan (Reuter) — Dow Corning reports a net profit of $34.5 million for the first quarter of 1987, against $33.7 million last time. Sales rose from $283.5 million to $327.2 million. For the first nine months, net profit reached $101.2 million ($85.6 million) and sales $968.9 million ($803.7 million). Dow Corning is a 50-50 joint venture of Corning Glass Works and Dow Chemical.

	Oct 14	Oct 13
AMR Cp	51¼	53¾
ASA	62½	61¼
Aetna Life	80⅜	81½
Allied Signal	42¾	43¾
Allis Chlm	2	2
Alcoa	56¾	58½
Amax Inc	26⅝	27⅞
AMR Hess	31¾	33⅛
Am Brands	54⅛	56
Am Cynmd	47⅝	48½
Am Ele Pwr	28¼	29
Amexs	34⅛	35¼
Am Home	82⅛	83¾
Am Int Grp	77⅛	79¼
Am Stand	46⅞	49⅛
Am Telph	32⅜	33⅜
Amoco Cp	78⅝	80¼
Armco Steel	13¾	14⅛
Asarco Inc	32⅜	33⅜
Ashland Oil	65	65½
Atl Richfld	89⅝	91¼
Avco Prod	31¾	33⅜
Bk Boston	29	30¼
Bank NY	41¼	42
Bankamer	11⅜	11⅝
Bkrs Tst NY	44½	45⅝
Baxter	25½	27
Beth Steel	18	19⅛
Boeing	48¼	48⅝
Boise Casc	79¼	81
Borden	55⅝	56⅝
Brstl Meyr	45⅝	48¼
BP	69¾	71
Brunswick	27½	27
Burl Ind	n.a	n.a
Burl Nth	76¾	77¼
CBS	211	218¼
CMS Engy	16⅛	16½
CPC Int	49½	51¾
CSX Cp	36⅝	37¾
Campbell Sp	64⅝	65
Can Pacific	21½	21
Caterpillar	68½	70
Centrl SW	32¾	33½
Champion	40	41⅜
Chase Man	37½	37¾
Chem NY	37⅜	37½
Chevron	50	52¾
Chrysler	35½	37¾
Citicorp	56	57½
Clark Eq	32½	33¾
Coca Cola	43¾	46½
Colgate	47½	47½
Columb Gas	48¾	49¾
Cmb'n Eng	42¾	43
Cmwlth Ed	31¾	31¾
Cons Eds	45½	45¾
Consol Ng	40	40⅞
Cont Data	34¾	34½
Corning Gl	65⅝	68
Crane	30¾	32¼
Curtiss Wrt	61½	61½
Data Genl	32¾	33¾
Deere Cp	41	39¼
Delta Airl	50	51¾
Detroit Ed	14¾	14⅝
Digital Eq	183⅞	189¼
Disney	71¾	74¾
Dow Chem	99¼	105⅞
Dresser Ind	29	30¼
Dupont	110⅝	114½
Duke Pwr	49¾	49
East Kodak	98¼	100⅝
Eaton Cp	91½	94⅛
Emerson El	37⅞	38½
Emery Air	8⅜	9
Exxon	47⅞	49¼
Farah Inc	14	14
Fedders	9	9⅛
Firestone	40⅞	42¾
Fst Chicago	27	28¾
Fst Int Bncp	51⅝	52¾
Fst Penn C	10⅞	10⅞
FT Wachva	39¼	39¾
Ford Motor	59⅛	61¼
GAF Cp	42¾	43¾
GTE Cp	99¾	101½
Gen Cp	85½	88¾
Gn Dynam	56	59¾
Gen Electric	36	37¼
Gen Inst	40¾	41¾
Gen Mills	53¾	53¾
Gen Motors	72¾	75¼
Gen Pub Ut	27½	27¾
Genesco	5¾	5¾
Georgia Pac	42¾	42¾
Gillette	40	41¾
Goodrich	53¾	54¾
Goodyear	65¾	68⅜
Gould Inc	22¼	22¾
Grace Cp	64¾	65½
Grt Atl Pac	43¾	44¾
Greyhnd	35⅞	37¾
Grumman	27¾	27¾
Gulf & West	84¾	85¾
Heinz	44⅜	46¾
Hercules	58⅜	59¾
Hewlett Pk	66¾	67¾
Honeywell	77	78
IC Ind	36¾	38
ITT Cp	64¾	64¾
INCO	23¾	23¾
Ing Rand Wi	40	41½
Inland Steel	31¾	32¾
IBM	144¾	148½
Int Paper	48¾	50¾
Irving Bk	72	74½
Jhsn & Jhsn	86½	90¾
K Mart	36¾	37¼
Kaisertech	20½	20¾
Kerr McGee	42¾	43¾
Kimbrly Clrk	53¾	54¾
Kraft	54¾	55
Kroger	32¾	33½
LTV Cp	3¾	3½
Litton	94¾	96¾
Lockheed	54¾	54½
Lucky Str	32¾	33½
Man H'wer	36¾	38¾
Manville	3⅛	3¼
Mapco	56½	58¾
Marine Mid	82¾	82¾
Mc Mernts	51¾	52¾
Masco	30	30¾
Mcdonalds	47¾	48¾
McDonnell	72¾	73¼
Mead Cp	43¾	45½
Merck	190	198¾
Minnsta Mng	72½	76¾
Mobil	44¾	46½
Monsanto	92	94¾
Morgan Jp	45¾	48¾
Motorola	65¾	67¾
NCR	76½	77¾
NL Indstrs	9¾	10¾
Nat Distil	78	79¾
Nat Md Ent	24¾	25¾
Nat Semi	19¾	20¾
Norfolk Sth	32¼	33¾
NW Bancrp	45¾	46½
Occid Petl	32¾	33¾
Ogden Cp	34½	35½
Olin Cp	50¾	52
PPG Ind	43¾	44¾
Pac Gas El	19	19¼
Pan Am	4¾	4½
Penney JC	53¼	55
Pennzoil	69¾	71½
Pepsico	36¼	38½
Pfizer	63½	65¼
Phelps Dod	55¾	55¾
Philip Mor	108½	114⅛
Philip Pet	15¼	16⅜
Polaroid	31½	31⅝
Primerica	46¾	47¾
Procr Gmbl	94	96¾
Pub S E G	26	26¾
Raytheon	76½	79½
Rykrds Mtsl	56¼	57¾
Rockwell Int	22⅞	23½
Royal Dutch	124¼	127¾
SFE Sopac	61	60¼
Sara Lee	39½	41
Schlumb	44¼	45¾
Scott Pap	80¾	83¼
Seagrant	70¾	72¾
Sears Roeb	45¾	47¾
Shell Trans	86½	88¾
Singer	30¾	32¾
Smith Beck	58¼	60¼
Sony Cp	37¾	38½
Sth Cal Ed	33¾	33¾
SW Bell	43¾	44
Squibb	88	92¼
Stert Drug	57	58¼
Stewarn JP	45¾	47¼
Sun Comp	55½	57¾
TRW Inc	56½	60¼
Teledyne	373¾	375¾
Tenneco	60¼	58
Texaco	36¾	39¾
Tex Easn	35¾	35¾
Texas Inst	73½	76¾
Tex Utl	31¾	31¾
Textron	32¾	32¾
Travelers	45¾	46¾
USG	52¾	53¾
USX Cp	36	37¼
Unilever Plc	40	40¾
Un Carbide	29¾	30¼
Un Pac Cp	70¾	74½
Unisys Cp	43¾	44¾
Utd Brands	38¾	39¼
Utd Tech	53¼	54½
Unocal	36¾	37¾
Walter Jim	55½	59¾
Warn Lamb	60¾	62½
Wells Far	52¾	54¾
Westg El	64¾	67¼
Weyerhsr	51¼	50¾
Whirlpool	33¾	35
Woolworth	47	48
Xerox Cp	74¾	75¾
Zenith	25½	26¾

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	35¼	36½
Alcan Alum	46½	46
Algoma Stl	21	21½
Can Pacific	27¾	27¾
Comnco	20¾	20¾
Con Bathrst	21½	21½
Hawk S Can	25¾	26¾
Hud Bay M	23	23¾
Imasco	30	30¼
Imperial Oil	74½	74½
Int Pipe	47	45¼
Royl Trstco	14¾	15
Seagram	92½	94¾
Shelco 'A'	45½	25¾
Thmsn N 'A	27½	29
Varity Cp	4.00	4.30
WCT	17	17½
Weston	36¾	37

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon (*428)	390	40	50	63	1	8	13
	420	12	28	43	4	18	28
	460	1	13	25	35	45	48
Bass (*936)	950	8	47	80	22	32	70
	1000	2	32	55	65	93	110
	1050	1½	17	35	115	130	135
Brit Air (*218)	190	29	—	40	1	—	—
	200	19	29	40	1	10	11
	220	4	17	30	5	18	22
Brit Com (*518)	460	62	83	90	2	6	9
	500	22	53	68	3	17	22
	550	1½	27	43	33	40	48
Brit Gas (*168)	165	5	14	—	1½	8	—
	180	½	8	14	13	17	19
	200	⅛	3½	7½	33	33	34
BP (*348)	330	19	37	46	¾	10	15
	360	2	19	28	14	23	29
	390	1	9	19	43	46	51
Britoil (*314)	300	15	36	46	1½	17	25
	330	1	23	33	17	31	41
	360	1	11	21	47	51	59
Cons Gold (*1413)	1450	12	105	150	55	110	145
	1500	2	85	130	100	140	175
	1550	2	65	110	150	170	205
Courtauld (*510)	429	90	100	—	½	2	—
	460	50	65	86	½	7	13
	500	13	42	60	5	22	30
	550	1	20	36	44	46	64
Cons Union (*452)	330	123	132	137	1	2	3
	360	93	103	110	1	3	4
	390	63	78	86	1	4	6
C & W (*495)	390	106	120	138	½	2	4
	420	76	92	118	1	6	13
	460	36	63	86	1	12	25
	500	5	38	65	11	28	40
GEC (*233)	200	34	41	47	1	3	6
	220	14	26	34	1	8	13
	240	2	17	23	9½	17	22
GKN (*406)	330	78	90	96	½	2	6
	360	48	65	73	½	5	12
	390	18	41	52	1½	15	23
	420	2½	25	37	16	29	37
Grand Met (*564)	480	105	118	—	½	1	—
	500	65	83	98	½	6	13
	550	17	47	68	2	23	33
	600	1	20	32	40	50	60
ICI (*1586)	1450	135	185	205	½	15	32
	1500	85	146	168	¼	28	47
	1550	45	112	135	9½	46	65
	1600	10	83	108	33	66	86
Jaguar (*577)	500	78	98	108	½	7	14
	550	28	63	75	1	20	30
	600	3	37	46	23	45	53
Land Sec (*570)	550	24	50	67	3	22	30
	600	4	23	40	32	46	53
	650	1	13	22	82	87	90
M & S (*252)	220	33	38	45	1	3	7
	240	15	25	35	1	11	15
	260	2	16	24	9	21	25
R-Royce (*206)	185	22	26	35	½	2½	7
	195	12	21	29	½	7	10
	205	3	16	23	2	11	17
	215	1	11	—	10	18	—
Shell (*1311)	1350	7	70	105	40	78	90
	1400	1	52	77	90	108	122
	1450	1	35	58	140	145	162
Stanhse (*390)	360	33	53	68	2	18	23
	390	7	33	47	8	30	35
	420	1½	23	35	34	49	55
	460	½	13	23	74	77	80
Trafalgar (*424)	360	65	70	85	1	4	6
	390	35	45	56	1	12	16
	420	7	24	38	4	23	33
TSB (*147)	130	18	23	25	½	1½	3
	140	8	15	19	½	5	8
	150	2	11	14	5	10	14
Woolworth (*370)	325	50	—	—	1	—	—
	330	—	60	70	—	6	13
	350	25	—	—	1	—	—
	375	9	33	—	13	27	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Amstrad (*167)	160	18	29	34	7	14	18
	180	10	18	25	21	28	30
	200	4	11	19	35	40	44
Barclays (*604)	550	72	92	110	3	15	17
	600	38	60	77	22	30	35
	650	18	32	50	50	60	65
Beecham (*544)	460	92	—	—	8	—	—
	500	54	77	—	8	14	—
	550	23	48	68	28	32	38
	600	9	25	38	62	65	68
Boots (*297)	280	25	38	45	7	12	14
	300	15	27	34	18	22	27
	330	7	14	23	37	40	43
BTR (*368)	330	40	53	58	5	10	15
	360	20	35	45	16	32	37
	390	9	20	29	35	37	40
Blue Circ (*472)	460	—	58	67	—	25	33
	500	20	40	47	43	50	58
	550	6	18	—	80	82	—
De Beers (*1710)	1100	620	—	—	8	—	—
	1200	520	—	—	15	—	—
	1300	420	—	—	50	—	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
De Beers (*1710)	1400	325	—	—	—	—	—
Dixons (*389)	330	68	78	—	2	7	—
	360	42	56	68	8	14	17
	390	23	40	50	20	26	30
Glaxo (*1414)	1650	11	40	70	250	250	250
	1700	8	32	59	300	300	300
	1750	6	25	47	350	350	350
	1800	4	20	37	400	400	400
Hanson (*174)	140	38½	—	—	½	—	—
	160	20	23½	—	2	4½	—
	180	7	12	16½	9	13½	15
	200	2	5	9	26	27½	28
Lonrho (*349)	280	—	80	—	—	2	—
	300	54	62	69	2	5	8
	330	28	40	51	10	14	16
	360	14	23	33	21	27	32
Midland (*518)	485	52	75	—	7	18	—
	522	30	—	—	18	—	—
	550	15	35	50	40	52	62
Sears (*171)	140	33	38	—	1	2	—
	160	16	23	27	4	8	10
	180	4½	13	17	11	14	18
Tesco (*167)	167	24	—	—	1	—	—
	183	13	25	—	7½	9	—
	200	5	15	22	15	19	22
Thorn EMI (*722)	650	90	108	135	6	15	22
	700	55	77	105	18	30	40
	750	27	55	74	45	50	65
	800	10	30	—	84	87	—
THF (*278)	240	44	48	56	1½	4	8
	260	27	33	42	6	9	12
	280	15	22	32	13	19	21
Unilever (*599)	600	32	52	64	26	35	43
	650	13	32	43	60	67	77
	700	5	16	25	105	110	115
Wellcome (*472)	560	25	48	55	45	59	67
	550	14	28	45	65	90	95
	600	7	20	32	132	133	135

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
BAA (*150)	130	23	29	32	1	4	7
	140	14	20	25	3	8	11
	150	3½	10	15	13	16	21
Brit Aero (*530)	460	78	97	108	1¼	7	18
	500	45	67	78	7	20	32
	550	14	40	50	30	42	53
BAT Ind (*662)	550	120	136	—	2	5	—
	600	70	92	105	2	14	22
	650	33	56	73	16	32	42
	700	11	35	46	48	57	68
Brit Tele (*260)	240	25	—	—	2	—	—
	260	11	22	32	9	17	20
	280	4	14	23	25	30	33
Cadbury (*280)	260	22	37	46	1	10	12
	280	12	25	31	9	17	20
	300	4	15	22	24	27	31
Guinness (*352)	330	38	53	58	2	6	10
	350	14	27	38	2	16	23
	390	4	13	22	30	33	38
Ladbroke (*446)	427	30	—	—	6	—	—
	444	20	40	45	13	23	33
	483	3	20	27	42	48	55
LASMO (*357)	330	35	55	68	7	16	24
	360	15	38	50	17	25	35
	390	6	25	36	39	47	54
Plessey (*216)	180	39	45	51	1	3	6
	200	22	31	36	3	9	13
	220	9	20	26	11	18	25
P & O (*585)	638	57	85	—	2	13	—
	688	35	55	—	20	33	—
	750	4½	27	38	68	75	82
Prudential (*1073)	1050	60	97	112	17	40	57
	1100	25	67	90	42	60	77
	1150	13	50	67	80	90	107
Racal (*329)	300	35	52	62	3	13	17
	330	17	32	44	14	24	29
	360	8	20	31	36	44	47
RTZ (*1320)	1250	100	175	200	30	48	65
	1300	75	150	195	50	75	100
	1350	53	135	170	75	110	135
	1400	40	115	150	115	140	165
Vest Reef (*131)	130	10	15½	20	7½	11	14
	140	6½	13	16	13½	16	19
	150	4	8½	13½	22	24	26
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*2103)	102	1⅝	⅜	—	⅞	¼	—
	104	1⅛	⅛	—	1⅛	1⅝	—
	106	⅛	⅛	—	4	3⅜	—
	108	⅛	⅛	—	6	5	—
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*2111)	110	1⅛	⅜	3	3½	4⅛	3⅝
	112	⅛	2⅝	2¾	5⅛	5⅝	4⅝
	114	⅛	1⅝	2¼	7	7¼	5⅝
	116	⅛	⅝	1⅞	8	8¼	7⅛
	118	⅛	⅜	1⅝	9⅞	9⅝	—

FT-SE INDEX (*2290)

Series	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
2150	150	168	—	—	2	12	—	—
2200	105	128	152	—	7	22	—	—
2250	65	95	118	—	17	38	50	—
2300	35	65	90	115	40	60	68	80
2350	15	45	67	95	70	90	97	108
2400	6	28	48	70	113	125	130	138
2450	1½	15	32	50	168	168	170	175
2500	½	—	—	—	213	—	—	—

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1	T & N (as)	Industrials S-Z	
2	Hilldown (as)	Foods	
3	Oliver (G)	Drapery, Stores	
4	Tricentrol	Oil & Gas	
5	BTR (as)	Industrials A-D	
6	Hong Kong Land	Property	
7	Sock Shop	Drapery, Stores	
8	Assoc Paper	Paper,Print,Adv	
9	Hopkinsons	Industrials E-K	
10	CH Ind	Industrials A-D	
11	Warrington	Building, Roads	
12	Reuters Group	Drapery, Stores	
13	Rothmans 'B' (as)	Tobaccos	
14	Marshall (Loxley)	Industrials L-R	
15	ERF	Motors, Aircraft	
16	Domino	Electricals	
17	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	Building, Roads	
18	Lasco	Oil & Gas	
19	Ednro	Industrials E-K	
20	Miller (Stanley)	Building, Roads	
21	Firstland	Oil & Gas	
22	Dee (as)	Foods	
23	Bristol	Newspapers,Pub	
24	Tarmac (as)	Building, Roads	
25	Next (as)	Drapery, Stores	
26	Transcontinental	Industrials S-Z	
27	Stanley (AG)	Drapery, Stores	
28	Debenham Tewson	Property	
29	First Leisure	Leisure	
30	Yorkshire Chem	Chemicals,Plas	
31	Dewhurst	Electricals	
32	Fletcher King	Property	
33	Tarriff	Building, Roads	
34	Noble & Lund	Industrials L-R	
35	LASMO (as)	Oil & Gas	
36	Fisher (A)	Foods	
37	Trent	Building, Roads	
38	Harrison Ind	Building, Roads	
39	Anzo Energy	Oil & Gas	
40	Highgate & Job	Industrials E-K	
41	Usher Walker	Paper,Print,Adv	
42	Br Vita	Industrials A-D	
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471	317	Allied-Lyons (as)	428	430	-7	15.6	3.6	12.7
792	579	Bass (as)	640	650	-7	34.1	5.2	17.5
231	134	Bellhaven	220	230		7.1	3.1	23.7
230	134	Bellhaven (Preferred)	220	230		7.1	3.1	23.7
230	134	Bellhaven (Warrants)	220	230		7.1	3.1	23.7
167	134	Border (D. F.)	167	169		8.5	5.1	12.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H)	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'A'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'B'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'C'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
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1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'E'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'F'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'G'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'H'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'I'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'J'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'K'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'L'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'M'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'N'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'O'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'P'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
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1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'AW'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
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1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'AY'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
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1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'BB'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'BC'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'BD'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
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1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'BM'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'BN'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'BO'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'BP'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'BQ'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'BR'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'BS'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'BT'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'BU'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'BV'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'BW'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'BX'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'BY'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'BZ'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'CA'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'CB'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'CC'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'CD'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'CE'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'CF'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'CG'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
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1,000	1,000	Brakspear (H) 'CK'	1,000	1,000		25.0	2.5	14.4
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Income 127.8 136.0e .. 3.77
Man Portfl Inc 127.4 135.5 .. 0.77
Do Acc 215.9 229.7 .. 0.77
Nth American 84.1 68.2 .. 0.50
Orient 122.3 130.1 .. 0.33
Recovery 262.5 417.3 .. 0.61
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German 31.8 33.6 .. 0.63
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General Inc 4 350.7 369.2 .. 2.00
Do Acc 4 568.1 598.5 .. 2.00
Income Fd 3 139.2 166.7c -0.1 ..
Do Acc 3 250.0 303.8 -0.1 3.34
Int Inc 2 170.4 176.1e .. 0.50
Do Acc 2 228.0 238.3 .. 0.50
Smir Inc 5 128.5 135.1 .. 1.84
Do Acc 138.4 145.5 .. 1.84

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Acc £10,000 .. .. ..
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Sts Amer 2 191.3 157.7 .. 1.81
Sts Japan 3 123.7 127.1 .. 0.15
Sts Pacific 4 433.1 455.2e .. 0.00
Sts Smir Jap 4 234.9 241.3c .. 0.10

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7LG
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N Amer Acc 79.5 84.8 +1.0 0.20
Far East Acc 144.2 153.8 +0.7 0.20
European Acc 53.1 59.3e .. 0.95
UK Gth/Fi Inc 54.5 57.8 .. 3.96
Do Acc 58.5 63.4 +0.1 7.01
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Do Acc 288.1 251.9 +1.8 1.09
Capital Inc 381.1 382.1e +0.9 1.49
Do Acc 444.9 470.7e +1.2 1.49
Conv/Gth Inc 120.5 127.5 +0.5 4.19
Do Acc 166.4 176.0 +0.6 4.19
European Inc 74.2 78.5 -0.1 0.76
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Do Acc 281.6 297.9 +0.6 3.05
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Income Tst 169.9 211.5 +0.2 3.48
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Monthly Inc Fd 153.0 161.9e +0.5 ..
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Recovery 231.6 245.0 +0.2 0.61
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Equity Dist 200.2 318.6 +1.0 1.95
Do Acc 511.0 542.4 +1.6 1.95
Fxd Interest Di 113.9 154.1 .. 10.24
Do Acc 138.7 147.5 .. 10.24
Steward Dist 294.0 312.0 +0.8 0.94
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Do Acc 238.3 253.4 +0.6 0.14
Income Fd 120.2 127.9e -0.4 4.70
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US & Gen Inc 57.1 60.7 +0.2 0.75
Japan & Gen 313.1 333.4 +1.9 0.10
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Gt/Fxd Interest 77.9 79.5e +0.1 4.25
Int Inc Fd 60.2 64.1 +0.3 4.00
Wld Spec Sit 62.6 66.1 +0.7 1.00

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
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London EC3R 8AJ
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Australian Tst 35.0 40.4 -0.2 0.00
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Do Dist 83.3 88.7 -0.5 1.39
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European Tst 57.6 61.2 -0.9 0.75
Exempt Inc 155.1 165.0 +0.2 4.10
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Fxd Interest Fd 27.7 29.5c .. 8.74
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Int Fxd Interest 25.1 26.7 +0.1 10.00
Global Fd Acc 225.4 239.8 +0.9 0.40
Do Dist 214.1 227.8 +0.9 0.40
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Hedged Amer 118.1 125.7 +0.5 0.00
High Income 36.8 39.2e +0.1 4.15
Hong Kong Tst 52.4 55.7 +0.1 0.80
Income Fd 120.9 135.1 -1.3 2.24
Japan Tst 135.1 143.7 +0.6 0.10
Managed Expt 359.9 373.9e -1.1 1.70
Oil & Energy 55.9 59.5 -0.2 2.50
Spec Sit Tst 176.7 186.0e -1.0 0.73
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Cheltenham UK 30.6 32.1 .. 1.92

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London SE1 2HX
01-378 7979 Dealing No. 01-588 6626
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American Gth 76.7 81.5 +0.6 2.09
American Inc 77.0 77.9 +0.6 2.09
European Gth 62.8 66.8e -0.4 0.68
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Japan Gth 62.7 66.7e +0.2 ..
Pacific Inc 105.0 111.7 -0.4 2.77
Pacific Strat 76.5 81.3 -0.1 0.41
UK Prog Inc 93.5 99.4 +0.5 3.10
UK Spec Opps 227.2 241.7 +1.5 0.42
Gr British 46.0 52.1 +0.4 1.76

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Regal Exchange, EC3P 3DN
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Gth Equity 324.6 343.5 -0.7 1.37
Guardfd 400.8 415.3 +1.5 2.07
N American 162.1 169.5e -1.2 0.00
Pacific 367.7 389.2e -0.7 0.00
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Smaller Co 365.6 408.1e +1.9 0.93
European Tst 294.7 311.9 -1.8 0.83

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Pacific Gth 58.7 60.4 -0.2 0.50
Recovery 408.6 432.9e +2.4 1.82
St Vincent Inc 139.9 134.3 .. 3.97
St Vinc US Gth 77.7 82.4 +1.0 0.71
Temp B Sm Co 330.2 348.4 .. 2.12
Euro Gth Tst 54.2 57.9e -0.1 0.80

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Amer Eqty Inc 65.2 69.2 +1.1 4.25
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European Tst 110.6 117.3 +0.6 0.76
High Income 100.3 106.4e +0.1 4.06

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Australian 134.7 144.9e +0.4 0.00
Can Gth Inc 84.7 90.7e +0.1 1.56
Do Acc 99.7 106.7e +0.1 1.56
European 281.8 301.6c +0.8 0.00
Euro Inc Tst 47.7 51.1e +0.1 1.92
Euro Smir Co 107.9 115.5e -2.1 0.14
Extra Income 98.2 101.3e +0.1 5.23
Fledgling Inv 203.0 271.3 -1.1 1.56
Fxd Interest 51.8 54.9e .. 1.56
Gilt Tst 41.2 43.7 .. 8.51
Global Health 91.1 97.1e +0.9 0.00
Global Unit/Gth 73.7 78.5 +0.5 1.56
Global Recov 139.1 148.6 +0.8 0.00
Global Tech 132.1 140.7 +1.2 0.14
Gold 98.9 104.2 -0.7 0.07
High Income 200.9 321.9 +1.3 3.02
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Inc & Gth Inc 71.7 74.3e +0.1 2.29
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Do Acc 354.0 376.8e +1.1 0.00
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Hi Inc Exempt 133.8 208.2e +0.5 2.68
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Dollar Units 204.8 216.8c -1.7 1.24
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Gth 40.0 42.5 .. 0.00
High Yield 109.4 115.8 +0.1 4.00
Income 130.4 138.0 +0.7 2.90
International 168.6 173.2 -1.3 1.40
Japan Tech 66.5 69.2 -0.1 0.00
Nth Resource 89.5 94.8 +0.1 0.00
Smaller Co 250.5 267.5e +1.4 0.17
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Do Acc 203.4 222.8 -2.1 4.31
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Do Acc 84.7 88.8 +0.5 0.82
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Do Acc 84.4 88.5 +0.5 0.51
European Inc 110.1 117.1 -0.2 1.59
Do Acc 136.7 145.4 -0.3 1.59
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Do Acc 343.5 365.4 +1.7 2.29
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Do Acc 171.9 182.8 +0.9 1.05
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Do Acc 284.0 302.1 +3.0 0.20
Jap Smir Co Inc 74.2 79.0 +0.4 0.00
Do Acc 127.4 135.5 +1.0 0.04
Master Acc 188.0 197.7e +1.9 2.05
Pacific Inc 188.8 200.9e +1.6 0.44
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Planned Invest 186.0 197.7e +1.9 2.05
Smir Co Inc 155.3 165.2 +1.1 0.93
Smir Co Acc 188.9 197.8 +1.1 0.93
UK Eq Gth Inc 70.1 74.6 .. 8.17
Do Acc 70.1 74.6 .. 8.17
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Jap Tst 67.1 71.4 +1.3 0.01
Managed Tst 58.7 62.4 +0.8 1.01

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Com Euro Gt 69.8 54.6 +0.3 0.00
Do Acc 59.8 64.0 +0.3 0.00
Energy Inc 71.9 75.4 +1.4 2.17
Do Acc 80.8 85.9 +0.5 2.17
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Do Acc 461.2 480.0 +1.8 3.42
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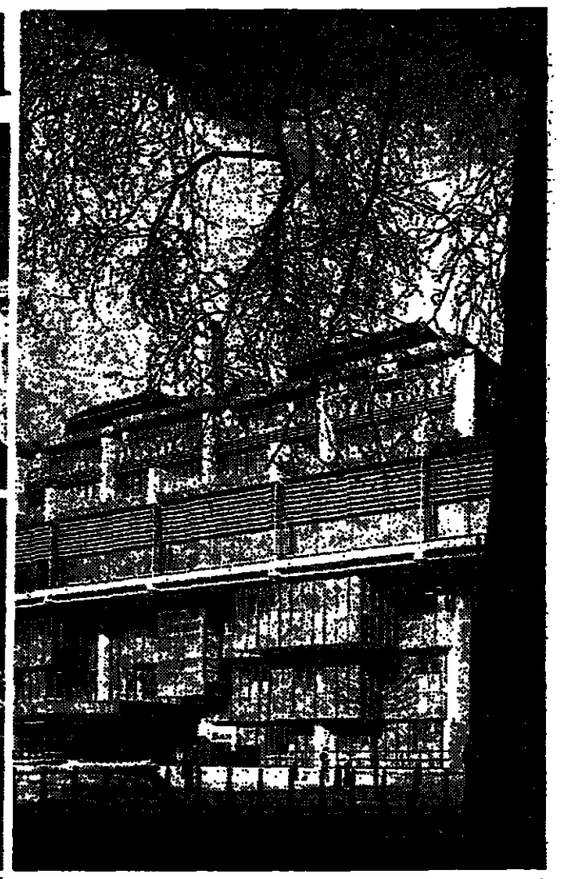
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BUSINESS TRAVEL FOCUS A SPECIAL REPORT

Boom for Britain from abroad

Almost £20 billion a year is being spent in this country in a fast-growing industry





Big draws for business travellers: top, Manchester's G-Mex exhibition centre; above, London's Olympia I, and right, the new the Queen Elizabeth II conference centre

Business travel has always been a major source of income for Britain, but the last year has seen the greatest uplift for years. More businessmen and women have been flooding in from abroad, domestic business travel is up, the hotel business is booming and the exhibitions industry has seen a startling growth of nearly a third, its best performance for 10 years.

The uplift is in turn creating an investment surge in hotel building and refurbishment, involving key groups such as Trusthouse Forte, Ladbroke, Bass's Crest, Queens Moat and Scottish and Newcastle Breweries' Thistle Hotels.

It is the same picture in the emergence of more purpose-built centres for both conferences and exhibitions.

A mid-year assessment by the English Tourist Board listed £196 million worth of new conference and exhibition facilities under construction, with the Birmingham International Convention Centre the biggest scheme at £121 million.

Olympia II, being developed by Earls Court and Olympia, is worth another £45 million. The £13 million English Riviera conference and exhibition centre at Torbay also opened earlier in the year.

As competition grows, business travellers are benefitting from offers of more sophisticated services while, thanks to new systems, their companies can secure more effective control of travel costs.

Business travel centres are increasing in number with a growing fashion for "implants" within companies to cope better with corporate needs. The retail travel agency chains, such as Thomas Cook, Hogg Robinson and Pickfords Travel (the latter now a big contender in the field since it bought Lunn Poly's business travel outlets), have all expanded their business service interests and have about 17,000 corporate clients.

The surge in demand for business travel services, most noticeable in the present decade, has also benefitted the Autombile Association which has been in business travel since 1970.

American Express, the big charge-card company, has been developing its business travel interests with a chain of specialist centres — more than 40 implants within companies — with the emphasis on tailor-made services.

The last time a figure was put on spending by industry and commerce on business travel and entertainment was in 1985 when an American Express survey estimated the total value at £17.4 billion. Subsistence, entertaining and other routine expenses accounted for £12 billion — nearly 70 per cent of this spending.

A new American Express survey suggests that average spending by companies in the past three years had surged by 35 per cent. Among finance directors interviewed, 86 per cent expected the level of spending to continue or accelerate.

Recent research commissioned by Pickfords suggests that £5 billion a year is spent on air fares, rail travel, car hire and accommodation. The

Most hotels can give discounts

bookings are made mainly by secretaries. This has led to some shrewd incentives being offered to secretaries and personal assistants.

Ladbroke Hotels has launched a scheme under which bonus points are earned each time a booking is made to one of its establishments. The scheme offers half-price and free weekend breaks as the pay-off for the accumulated bonus.

One estimate is that £3.2 billion a year is being spent on bookings made through travel agents specializing in business travel. Yet the American Express survey found that only 23 per cent of companies made all their bookings through their travel agent.

Agents were used for 90 per cent of air-ticket purchases but only 12 per cent of hotel bookings, yet American Express claims it has arrangements for substantial discounts off advertised hotel rates around the world.

Hotel and car-hire discounts are to be had from other specialist business travel agencies but most hotels will offer corporate rates and it is becoming increasingly common for companies to have volume discount arrangements with big hotel chains and the larger car rental companies.

Business visitors from abroad, whether coming for business deals, company discussions or to attend key conferences and exhibitions, spent £1.517 billion in the UK in 1986 — 28 per cent of all foreign tourism spending in the country. It was a markedly greater proportion than in the previous year, when business spending represented 23 per cent of overall international spending in the UK.

Surprisingly, too, the number of overseas business visitors rose from marginally more than 3 million to 3.22 million last year. It meant growth had gone on despite the effects of the scares that year over terrorism and the Chernobyl disaster.

Business travellers from abroad have for some time been accounting for about a fifth of international tourists coming into the UK with the proportion gradually rising.

Last year, business travellers at 23.4 per cent accounted for a bigger proportion of international arrivals. Part of the reason was that, overall, overseas visitor totals had dropped but the extent of the increase seems to indicate a strengthening of the underlying business traveller trend.

Increasing investment in Britain by overseas companies also means more business visitors coming in from abroad as executives fly in on familiarization and liaison trips. Japanese faces are an increasingly familiar sight, especially in Wales and American accents among business executives around the country have become even more common from Scotland's "silicon glen" and the North Sea oil centres to new technology development areas such as the M4 corridor.

Foreign visitors are an important element in Britain's exhibitions industry which saw spending on exhibitions last year jump to £258 million from £192 million in 1985.

London tends to be a strong

Regional centres 'still a big draw'

attraction for the foreign visitor and this can be a factor for international exhibitions — and conferences — in choosing their venues. But regional centres can still be a big draw, the most potent example being the Motor Show, the biggest single regular event in the British exhibition calendar, which is staged at the National Exhibition Centre, in Birmingham.

Last year the NEC's share of total spending on exhibitions rose from 35 per cent to 41 per cent, putting it marginally ahead of Earls Court and Olympia, which usually claim the number one position. The NEC surged forward, partly because of the effect of the biennial Motor Show taking place last year.

The growth in exhibition spending, traced by the Incorporated Society of British Advertisers (ISBA), has come as more exhibition space has come on stream around the country including two big new venues, Glasgow's Scottish Exhibition Centre and G-Mex in the refurbished former Manchester Central Station.

London will soon gain more exhibition space with the expected opening at the beginning of next year of the rebuilt Alexandra Palace, which will add 100,000 sq ft under a new translucent roof at the great hall of the 114-year-old building which was devastated by fire in 1980.

By 1990, a second Earls Court exhibition hall is expected to open its doors, putting another 175,000 sq ft on to the market.

If Britain is to continue to attract more business travellers as much will depend upon the ability of the conference and exhibitions industry to develop events of international stature as upon industrial and commercial growth.

There is increasing competition from the continent, where public sector cash is more freely available to meet the heavy capital expenditure costs involved in new exhibition and conference facilities.

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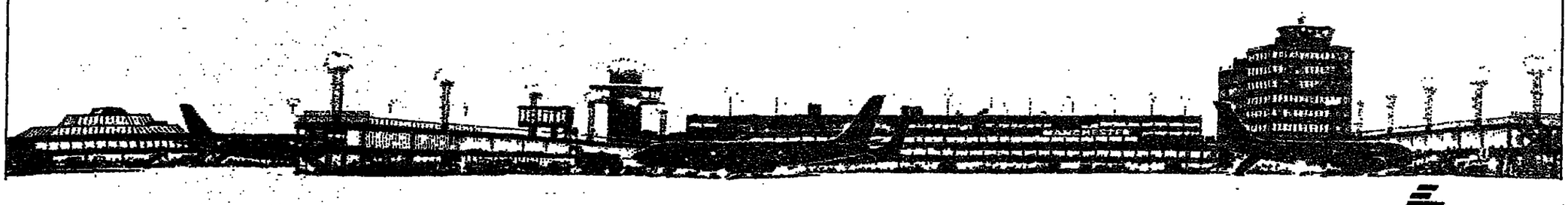
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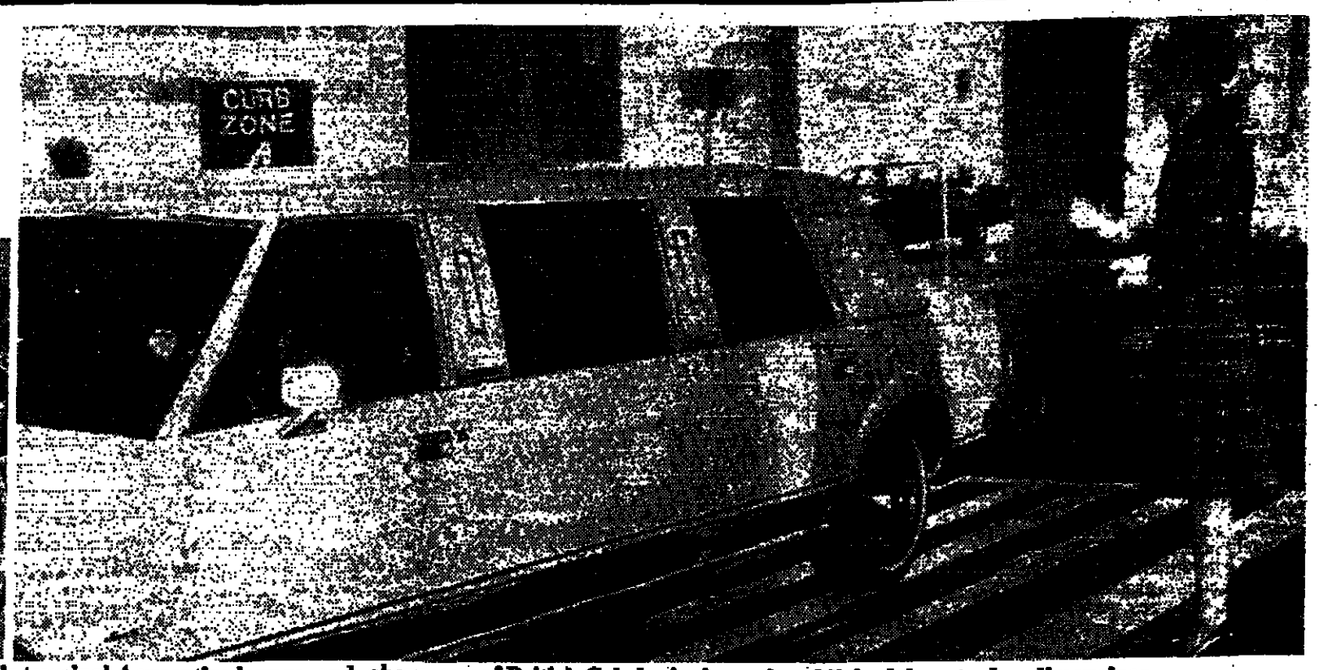
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Service takes off for airline users





Luxury for the traveller: Heathrow's terminal 4 executive lounge, and above, one of British Caledonian's much-publicized door-to-door limousines

Air travellers may spend much of their time 30,000 feet off the ground, but the fiercest battle for their custom is being fought back on *terra firma*.

Such has been the flurry of in-flight service refinements aimed at the business traveller in recent years that the pampered frequent flier is now likely to take largely for granted the pre take-off champagne cocktail, free toiletry kit, hot towels and extra legroom associated with full-fare tickets.

Airlines vying to stay ahead of the pack are now turning their attention increasingly to perks on the ground in an effort to secure customer loyalty. Hotel check-in desks, free car parking, complimentary airport transfers – be it by helicopter, limousine or train – and car rental discounts now top the list of popular extras.

This acknowledgement that air travel is about door-to-door journeys rather than hops between international airports concedes that the main shortcomings of international travel remain on the ground. Advance seat selection, separate check-ins and

Out of the scrum on a positive note

priority baggage handling tags have done much to alleviate airport hold-ups for first and business class passengers.

Those carrying a high percentage of business travellers are now less likely to abandon their charges the moment they touch down, however. In-flight polish can be quickly forgotten around a slow and crowded luggage carousel, and whisking full-fare passengers away from the scrum with free city transfers at least helps ensure that carrier and customer part company on a positive note.

Airlines are also increasingly keen to see that the exclusivity of their élite business passengers is underlined immediately before boarding. Most now provide airport "club" lounges – peaceful havens in which to relax with free drinks and newspapers – and feel these far outweigh the gifts and gimmicks with which customers have been showered in the past.

Club entry qualifications vary, and few carriers permit their business class ticket holders to use the lounges freely. British Airways' 55,000 executive club members pay a yearly fee of £55 in return for access to 120 owned or affiliated lounges worldwide. British Caledonian's Chieftain club stipulates a minimum of £10,000 spent on yearly travel while British Midland's new Diamond club, in common with some continental airline schemes, exchanges perks and free gifts for points gained per flight. Pan Am runs paid-membership Clipper club lounges, though first and business class passengers enjoy free valet parking at Heathrow and a private airport terminal in New York.

American airlines, less constrained by the taxman's hand than their British counterparts, are free to reward their loyal customers with yet more perks.

While such schemes are strictly speaking not open to passengers in Britain, frequent travellers who can provide a US mailing address may certainly benefit.

In the meantime there is no shortage of other tempting air travel deals. Some newer trans-Atlantic carriers have not only scrapped first class cabins in favour of more business class seating, but now offer full-fare passengers a free matching economy sector ticket for use at a later date every time they fly. Others seeking to iron out the remaining crinkles in international travel have assembled a perks package – of which the Qantas Business Bonus scheme is an excellent example – covering extras ranging from office

Perks package to iron out crinkles

rental schemes to pre-departure accommodation.

Airline rivalry may have shifted largely to the ground, but the quest to enhance service in the air has far from run out of steam.In-flight telephones will soon be the norm on most intercontinental flights while some carriers are already promising in-flight computers and other business aids.

One useful new service innovation aimed specifically at frequent fliers is the AirPlus expense charge card. Launched this summer by 13 European airlines as an answer to similar schemes operating in the US, the card enables holders to settle airline, hotel, car hire and other travel-related bills anywhere in the world.

Unveiled in June, and still awaiting blessing from IATA, is another product aimed at fulfilling the business traveller's needs: the B-Pex ticket. Geared to the needs of the budget traveller, it will allow executives to buy business or economy class tickets only 72 hours ahead of departure with a hefty reduction in published fares.

Set to send bigger ripples through the airline business is this month's introduction in the US of regulations certain to turn consumer attention away from in-flight service frills and towards the basics of timekeeping and reliability, which are of more crucial importance to the business traveller.

In a crackdown aimed at curbing the wave of public complaints over carriers' safety, maintenance and on-time performance records, America's Department of Transportation has finally called on US carriers to file monthly details of their flight cancellations, bumped passengers, mishandled bags and missed connections. Travellers seeking an at-a-glance profile of an airline's performance could access this revealing data through computerized ticket reservation systems.

Marion Cotter

Hotels book the money people

Derek Harris reports on an important winner for the innkeepers – at a price

Business travellers account for virtually half the number of people who book into British hotels and they are even more important in the profits arithmetic of the business because, staying usually at peak weekday nights, they tend to pay nearest to the full rates at a hotel, *writes Derek Harris*.

Even big companies, with many employees out on the road, when they do make a corporate deal with a hotel chain will probably get, at most, a 15 per cent discount off the full rates (known in the business as "rack rates"); a 10 per cent discount is more common.

At hotels which cater mostly for business travellers it is common for them to be three quarters reliant on such visitors for their overall trade. This is why facilities helpful to the business traveller are increasingly being built into the service at such hotels, from quick check-in and check-out systems to health and exercise clubs.

Most of the big hotel chains have expansion and refurbishment programmes aimed at the business travel market. Among them are Trusthouse Forte, Britain's biggest hotelier, whose new building programme is bringing in at least three new hotels a year, Ladbroke, which recently bought Hilton Hotels, Bass's Crest, Queens Moat, Swallow Hotels and Scottish and Newcastle Breweries' Thistle chain.

A mid-year analysis by the English Tourist Board of hotel investment identified 12 new English hotel openings in the first six months of this year, with another 34 under construction – more than £200 million in capital investment overall.

American-based hotel chains are increasingly moving into the UK, including Holiday Inns, Hyatt and Sheraton, all able especially to capitalize on the renewed influx of American travellers into this country.Underlying these trends is the growth in the business travel market to be expected as the British economy improves, as the country becomes a more favoured development base for foreign companies eager to sell within the EEC and as improving British facilities promise to stimulate more conference and exhibition traffic.

Hotel bookings in the first half of this year were the fastest-growing segment of the business travel industry, according to Pickfords Business Travel, now Britain's third-biggest business travel agent.

In 1986 business travellers accounted for 42.9 per cent of hotel guests, according to the latest 1987 report* on the hotel industry by Horwath and Horwath, the specialist hotel consultants. That compared with 42.4 per cent in 1985. Conference delegates accounted for 7.5 per cent in 1986 and government officials another 1 per cent.

What has also underpinned optimism in the hotel industry is that the amount actually earned per room rose by 13 per cent on average and 10 per cent in London, according to Horwath and Horwath.

Trusthouse Forte, which has 230 hotels in Britain and another 800 abroad, believes leisure facilities at hotels are becoming increasingly important to business people. In Britain 20 of its hotels especially catering for business traffic, which includes much of the Posthouse chain, now have fitness and leisure centres and these are being built into new hotels recently opened or planned.

Earnings per room averaged rises of 13 per cent, and 10 per cent in London

In luxury hotels, the executive floor, catering for senior executives, is emerging as an increasingly popular innovation but Trusthouse Forte was early into that development with its Crown Club at Grosvenor House in London's Park Lane. The club won an award this year for the best business facilities in the UK.

For the club there are separate checking in and out facilities, a butler-receptionist, a separate lounge and a full battery of office services. It is popular with British executives although rather more than half the clientele has been coming from overseas including the United States, wooed by the club's restrained elegance.

At the other end of the scale, Trusthouse Forte has been exploring a low-budget market for the business traveller with its lodges attached to Little Chef roadside restaurants. These offer a room for £19.50 a night.So far there are 16 lodges around the country, with another four due to open by the end of theyear and ten more by the late spring of next year.

Corporate charge cards, often carrying privileges like guaranteed bookings as well as offering corporate discounts, have been launched by a number of the hotel chains. Trusthouse Forte has its Gold Card and Thistle's Trumpcard, one of the earliest launched, cuts the total hotel bill by 10 per cent as well as offering other benefits like priority room allocations and express check-outs.

Thistle's card also cuts the bills for the business traveller when on an individual leisure trip.

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Profits? BR says it's getting there

Japan has its bullet-fast Shinkansen, France has its sleek Train Grande Vitesse and Germany has its super-efficient Bundesbahn, *writes Marion Cotter.* Britain's answer to these formidable transport giants is British Rail, which admits it is still busy getting there.

Britain's oft-criticized rail system is at least now getting there faster than most people think. InterCity services celebrate their 21st birthday this year at a time which could hardly be more appropriate. Its public grants will be whisked away next April, leaving the division rooted firmly in the real commercial world and briefed to turn years of operating losses into profit.

This monumental task has fixed BR's attention firmly on the revenue source it sees as having the most powerful growth potential: business travel. While executives on the move already provide more than one-third of InterCity's £630 million annual income, the division is now pushing hard to get more business executives out of cars and on to trains through a series of innovations to shunt its image upmarket.

Ploys to tempt more high earners to abandon their

Sprucing up the Pullman trains

wheels include slick Filofax-style timetables and a new InterCity logo.

InterCity marketing chiefs have also poached a few ideas from the airlines. Club-type Pullman lounges are open at several mainline stations for first-class passengers, offering a pastel-coloured haven from the bustling main concourse. These have proved so popular that carryings on BR's Newcastle routes rose by 30 per cent almost overnight when the concept was launched.

Still more dynamic and undoubtedly set to increase BR's hard-core business travellers is InterCity's planned "frequent flier" club, which will recognize and reward loyal customers.

The division's national marketing manager, Robert Mason, recently toured the US to study airline frequent-user programmes and a package of ideas is now being assembled for BR. This, says Mr Mason, "should influence customers' travel decisions by recognizing their importance and showing we care".

InterCity is also sprucing up its fleet of Pullman trains operating on prime business traffic routes. Geared to coincide with peak business travel hours, they feature more first-class coaches, softer seats, a wider menu choice and a higher ratio of staff. The refurbished Pullmans — operating at no extra cost to travellers — have been phased into the network over the last two years. Several more will enter service during 1988.

Also newly revamped are BR's sleepers, which compete heavily against Anglo-Scottish air links. Though the rail system commands only 15 per cent of this market, the sleepers are set to carry half a million passengers this year and undoubtedly hold an edge over the shuttle for people attending early morning meetings.

In another push towards more streamlined rail travel, InterCity is energetically marketing its Executive Ticket package. Aimed at encouraging customers to book seats in advance, it includes a two-way, first-class seat reservation, 24-hours free car parking and a voucher for breakfast or dinner on board for just £4 more than an ordinary first-class ticket.

BR is in the throes of extending its computerized seat-reservation service with the travel trade and plans to test-market free seat reservations in the North-East from January.

Railway catering services are also undergoing a metamorphosis in the bid to overturn BR's outdated image as a provider of little but cardboard rolls and mature sandwiches. Cuisine 2000, launched in February, features better station fast-food outlets at stations, more innovative on-board cuisine and a popular trolley service in standard carriages.

Other changes are following thick and fast. New fare structures have increased demand for off-peak travel and thus eased the pressure on seats at peak business-journey times.

Most Pullman trains now have telephones installed and all InterCity services should carry Phonecard booths within nine months. Credit cards can be used to make calls on BR's Gatwick Express, which uses Racal hardware.

VIP business charters are proving to be another successful means of turning InterCity's resounding losses (£99 million last year) to profit. Companies hiring their own trains for the day poured £4.5

Paving the way to the Chunnel

million into BR coffers last year. BR has demonstrated an exemplary willingness to please clients, even permitting a record group to stage a Royal Marines mock raid. They descended on the train by parachute to hand surprised guests their hotel keys.

A development which could make a significant difference to British Rail's ability to capture more of the business travel market by paving the way for through train links between Britain and the continental capitals is the scheduled opening of the Channel Tunnel in six years' time.

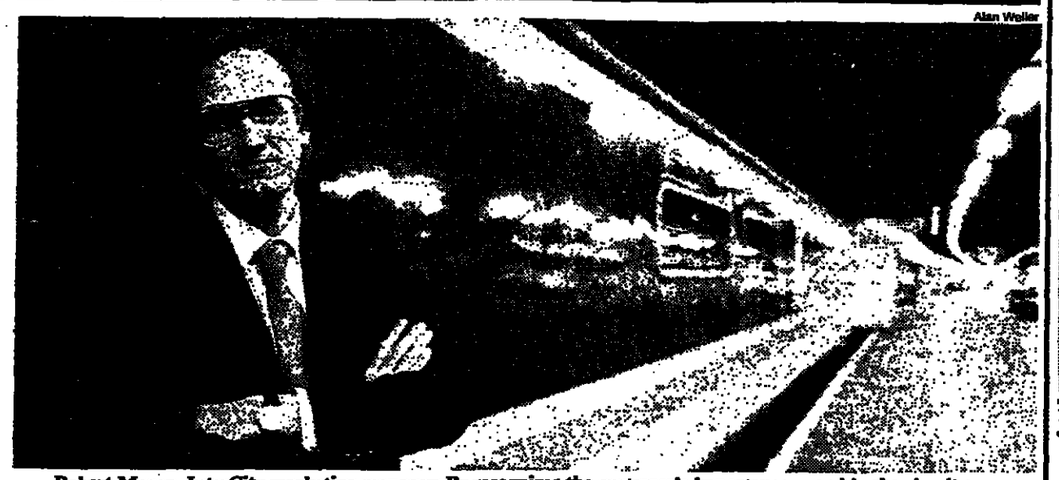
This in itself will inevitably invite comparisons between BR and some of Europe's slickest rail systems. France's high-tech TGV rattles along at up to 170 mph. The Bundesbahn also out-performs BR as an executive-travel mode.

John Voos



"Shan't be long" — the phone on BR's Pullmans is popular

Alan Weller



Robert Mason, InterCity marketing manager: Br recognizes the customer's importance — and is showing it cares

Full speed ahead for car-rental firms

Business travel accounts for nearly 60 per cent of Britain's £300 million a year car-rental market, *writes Derek Harris.* The industry believes that business travel, estimated to have risen by about 10 per cent last year, will show an even greater increase by the end of this year — and that growth prospects beyond that are good. Last year, car rental overall was hit by the sharp decline in the number of visiting tourists, especially from the US, but the business-travel sector largely shrugged this off.

Bill Dix, marketing director of Avis Europe, said: "Primarily the car-rental market is business travel-driven and business travellers now represent a very buoyant market." At Swan National Rentals, Tony Grimshaw, managing director, said: "The improvement in the UK economy has benefitted the car-rental industry as companies recruit more staff and provide them with cars."

Business travel growth in Britain is if anything rather stronger than in the rest of Europe, according to Mr Dix. Avis has particularly benefitted from the growth in business travel by air.

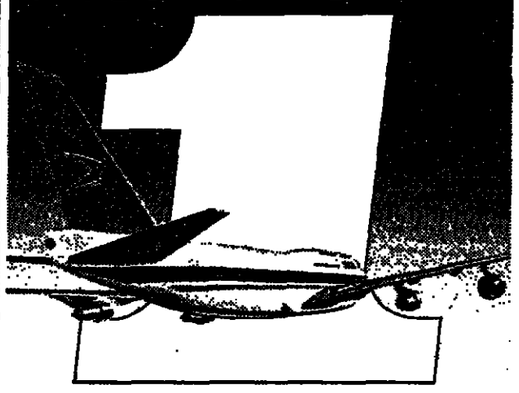
Hertz, which like Avis is a multinational operation based in the US, and Europcar, the French-based operator which in Britain includes Godfrey Davis, have also reaped the rewards of substantial representation at airports. Europcar's British locations, now numbering about 280, also include offices at more than 80 BR mainline stations.

Budget Rent A Car, another US-based company which is almost wholly a franchised operation, has been making a bid for the lucrative airport traffic. Budget's strategy includes offers of prestige cars such as Mercedes-Benzes at rentals nearer those charged by many competitors for mass production cars. Other operators, notably Hertz and Avis, believe that service is more important than price. While admitting that value for money is important, Avis says its surveys have shown that business travellers look more to reliability, convenience, good reservation and billing systems and quality of service.

Hertz and Avis are the two biggest car renters internationally, but in Britain Europcar and Swan National are the leading operators. Seventy per cent of Swan'strade is attributed to British business travel. One Swan National innovation is a booking system for more than 700 hotels around the country in a wide price range.

While all the bigger car renters, including Kennings, have been increasing their share of the national car-rental business, the small independents — typically the garage around the corner — still account for about half the market. But the large operators are gradually eating into this sector.

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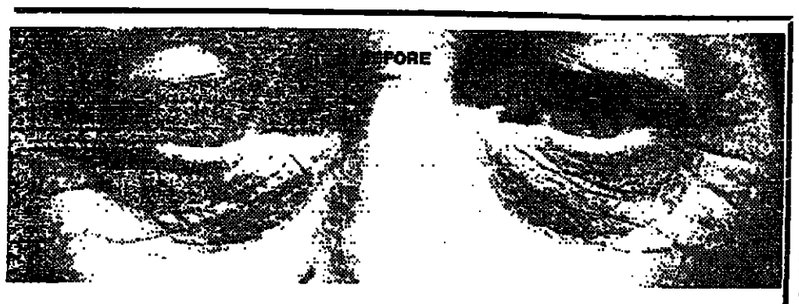


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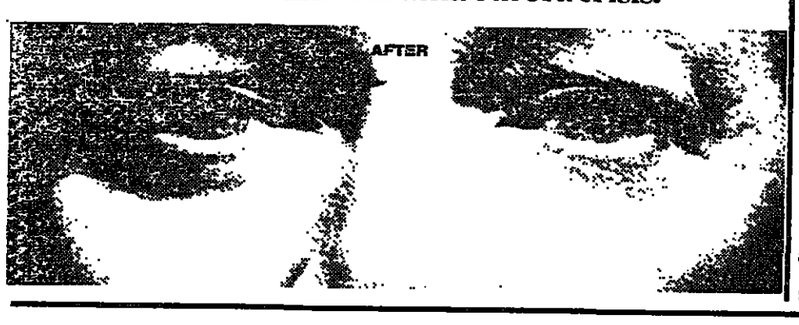
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Down to earth for duty-free sprees

Opportunities to snap up duty-free bargains rank highly among the perks of foreign travel, *writes Marion Cotter.* And selling duty-frees is a big source of income for the world's airports; a key tool in their efforts to boost passenger throughput.

Without duty- and tax-free sales, airline user charges, and hence the cost of flying, would be higher.

Merchandize displayed at glossy airport shopping centres may well be sold free of duty, but it is hardly free of profit. Some consumer watchdog organizations have accused the shopkeepers of abusing their monopoly by fleecing customers in selling goods at high-street prices and pocketing excessive profits.

Duty- and tax-free prices differ wildly. One recent survey found that while perfumes sold at Athens and Amsterdam airports yielded 40 per cent savings on usual retail prices, brands on sale in Libson were no cheaper.

Far Eastern airports consistently score well in the duty-free shopping league. Even Moscow's cheerless Sheremetyevo airport could soon be cashing in on more duty-free business following a likely deal with Ireland's Aer Rianta, whose Shannon Airport centre turns over $20million a year.

Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport duty-free complex, voted the world's number one place to shop by 30,000 frequent fliers polled this summer by the International Foundation of Airline Passengers Associations, knocked both Singapore and London Heathrow into the runner-up slots.

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Frankfurt's main concourse houses more than 100 shops including supermarkets and a branch of Harrods. Paris scores well as a place to buy compact and reflex cameras, while Zurich and Geneva are well-stocked with watches.

Some of the world's best duty-free buys can be had at Dubai, which stocks 25,000 different items. Goods range from teabags to gold bars. The airport's four million passengers a year spend an average of $25 per shop – which the airport claims should buy roughly three times the merchandize of a similar spree at Heathrow. Predicted sales this year total $50 million.

The airport also boasts an arrivals duty-free store, a feature matched by only a handful of other airports including Rekjavik, Cairo and Singapore's Changi airport.

One passenger in three uses the duty-free shops at Heathrow and Gatwick, helping to pour £88 million last year into the coffers of the operator, the Britiah Airports Authority. The sum is by far the biggest slice of its income from the concession business.

Prices are claimed to average 40 per cent below high-street levels.

Buying duty-frees in-flight is another option for travellers. Most would agree that airline stocks are limited and prices often higher than on the *ground, though this month's* move by one enterprising small carrier could mark a step in the right direction.

Luton-based Air Foyle plans to eschew profits on its duty-free liquor sales and charge travellers only two per cent more than the bulk purchase price – a gesture unlikely to be copied by rivals.

Neither airlines, travellers nor the job-generating tobacco and spirit industries view with relish the approach of 1992, when the EEC plans to remove frontier taxes for intra-Community trade, thus putting a stop to sales of duty-frees to travellers moving between EEC states.

Once this goal is achieved, Europe's duty-free industry is set to contract dramatically.

Britain's newly formed Duty Free Council is pleged to stave off the demise of passengers' much-loved perk for as long as possible. But the writing is on the wall

The niggling fears that will go away – if you pay

Being pressed for proof of ability to pay for medical treatment in a foreign hospital when you are fearing the worst is the fate of many a traveller.

It illustrates the need not only to have adequate insurance cover but to be armed with the means of quickly getting confirmation that hospital bills will be settled.

In the experience of one company set up to ease the ailing traveller's lot, one in 100 travellers will make a claim for a medical problem, six in 100,000 will need repatriation by air ambulance and eight in 100,000 will die abroad.

Europ Assistance, which operates a worldwide emergency service, was the brainchild of Pierre Desnos, a Frenchman who brought his companyto Britain in 1973. It was the first of its kind but now has competitors.

Working with the Eagle Star and General Accident insurance companies, it is responsible for the emergency service element of a full business travel scheme.

The annual premium for one person, £130, provides cover of £1 million to take account of medical expenses, repatriation air ambulance, employing replacement staff, replacing lost documents and baggage and other expenses.

Where a company has a number of employees making occasional trips abroad, a special travel scheme can be offered at a lower premium.

A company spokesman said: "We have agents worldwide and if a person was ill in some obscure hospital in the middle of nowhere and the hospital didn't accept any kind of guarantee, we would go there and if necessary pay all expenses on the spot."

Business travellers intending to wind-down pursuing their favourite sport should may insure themselves for such activities as ski-ing, mountaineering, scuba or even motor-cycling.

The DHSS leaflet, *Medical costs abroad – it pays to be prepared for all ills,* urges business travellers to check their company's insurance policies to see whether the cover offered is adequate.

Travellers to EEC countries need an E111 form which has a note attached explaining how to get emergency medical treatment in a Community country. The leaflet also outlines what you are entitled to in EEC countries and what is available free to UK passport holders in countries outside the EEC.

Points to be remembered are that medical arrangements in the check-list don't cover everything – cover given in some countries is not always as comprehensive as in the UK – and that bringing a person back to the UK in the event of illness or death is never covered under reciprocal arrangements.

Irene Farnsworth

London City lift-off?

When the Queen formally opens London's newest airport on Guy Fawkes' Day, two rival airlines will be keeping their fingers tightly crossed that the fireworks celebrations will continue If all goes well and their market research is accurate, the airport, built at a cost of about £30 million on the site of the old Royal docks, in east London, should become a Mecca for business executives in Britain and the Continent.

Sceptics, however, are already predicting that the battle to change the habits of thousands of business travellers who naturally head for Gatwick or Heathrow when flying to or from the Continent will be tougher than the airlines predict.

Yet both Brymon and Eurocity – a subsidiary of British Midland, the succesful independent airline – are determined to make London City a success.

The airport's main attraction is that it is close to the heart of London. After a short ride to the airport, passengers will find the kind of facilities usually reserved for an office: telex, telephones, computers and secretaries.relaxing lounge areas designed to enable them to feel as at home in the terminal as they do in their own offices.

The aircraft, all 50-seat de Havilland Dash 7s, will be parked immediately outside the terminal and it is planned that, if necessary, passengers will be airborne within 15 minutes of arriving at the check-in desk.On board will be hot meals, free drinks, newspapers, twice as many cabin crew as are normally found on a scheduled aircraft and facilities to carry on working, if necessary, while in flight.

The two airlines have also recognized the equal importance of the passenger coming from Europe to London. Brymon has teamed up with Air France, guaranteeing a high public profile and even shared flight numbers, while Eurocity has linked in with Sabena for the same reason.

For foreign business executives, London City Airport makes even more sense than for their British counterparts. They would, anyway, have to go to the main airport in their own countries but their concern would clearly be to reach their destinations more quickly. And London City's nearness to the centre of London business life is seen as a great advantage.

Flying from London City will not be cheap, however. This is partly because by keeping prices high the airport can concentrate on catering exclusively for the business passenger. Fares will be about the same as Club Class from Gatwick or Heathrow, but it is hoped *that being company employees the* passengers will not be as price sensitive as leisure travellers.

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A SPECIAL REPORT
By John Young

Giving new zest to Merseyside

After decades of being isolated from the city's daily life, the university is taking its full civic role, determined that Liverpool will go down in history as something more than the home of the Beatles and a remarkable football team

Liverpool can lay claim to be the most misunderstood city in Britain. More often than not, the misunderstanding is of its own making, a self-inflicted wound, with the result that its public image tends to be that of an urban wasteland, its economy destroyed by industrial strife, torn apart by race riots, terrorized by football hooligans and ruled by a bunch of anarchist thugs.

The reality is less catastrophic. The days of its mercantile glory may long be over, but it is still an eminently handsome city with a wealth of glorious architecture to counter the corrugated iron and the vandalized housing estates.

It is a wonderful irony that the recent lunatic cavortings of the city council took place within its magnificent Georgian town hall, surmounted by the gilded statue of Minerva, Goddess of Wisdom.

Up on the hill, amid the leafy squares and the elegant terraces of the university campus, it is tempting to believe that this is not Merseyside at all and that the dreadful squalor that effected a political conversion in Michael Heseltine six years ago is in another country.

Yet it was only a few blocks away, in the once equally elegant but now shabby streets of Toxteth, that the locals celebrated the wedding of the heir to the throne by hurling bottles, bricks and worse at police vans.

At the time, most people at the university were probably trying to pretend it was not happening or, if it was, that it was nothing to do with them. Robert Nind, the registrar, readily admits that until five years ago the university was relatively isolated from the rest of the community.

But all that is changing decisively. Just as several years ago the city's two bishops decided, not without controversy, that it was time they stepped out from their respective cathedrals and played a more active role in the community, so the university authorities have decided that it must become much more closely linked to the daily life of the city.

Curiously enough, one of the incentives for this change of heart was, according to the vice-chancellor, Professor Graeme Davies, the abolition of Merseyside County Council, which left the region without a unifying authority.

Without any attempt to claim powers outside its jurisdiction, the university has endeavoured to act as a catalyst in bringing various



"Our great strength is our perceived independence and neutrality"
Professor Graeme Davies, vice-chancellor

organizations together and in promoting new initiatives.

"Our great strength is our perceived independence and neutrality," Professor Davies says. A New Zealander by birth, he is about as far from the caricature ivory-towered academic as would be possible to imagine.

The main area in which the university is able to give a lead is, of course, industry and commerce. "It is high time the outside world recognized that the universities are doing much more than they are generally credited with, and that we have a lot to offer in terms of expertise," he says.

Strong links have already been forged with many industries in the area, including big names like Plessey, British Aerospace, the Atomic Energy Authority, BP, ICI and Unilever. The university has a considerable asset in its marine biology station at Port Erin, in the Isle of Man, and it also has one of only six veterinary schools in Britain. A recent open day on sheep care and welfare was attended by more than 300 farmers.

Many companies have settled in Merseyside because of the accessibility of the university's research facilities, Professor Davies claims.

Since the abolition of the county council, it now plays host to the Merseyside Enterprise Forum, which seeks to encourage new business initiatives, and was one of the founders of the Merseyside Innovation Centre.

It is also closely involved with the Wavertree Technology Park and is a subscriber shareholder in the Mersey barrage project. For this, it carried out the feasibility studies, and private funding of some £450 million has since been virtually assured, subject to environmental safeguards.

Professor Davies confesses to a mixture of unease and anger at suggestions by Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, that universities, instead of bemoaning cuts in government funding, should be doing more to help themselves. "That's just what a lot of us have been doing for a long time," he says.

To emphasize his point, he cites the university's development programme, an extension of existing activities which depends primarily on private funding. The activities range from developing new treatments for leukaemia to monitoring pollution, including radioactivity, in the Irish Sea, and from the teaching of science in primary schools to improving the care of the elderly.

Its sociological interests include an extensive current study, sponsored by the Home Office, of drug abuse in the Wirral and the education and training of ethnic minorities. Its language export centre provides short courses for businessmen, and its renowned Institute of Latin American Studies was responsible for the recent award of an honorary degree to Senor Enrique Iglesias, the Foreign Minister of Uruguay.

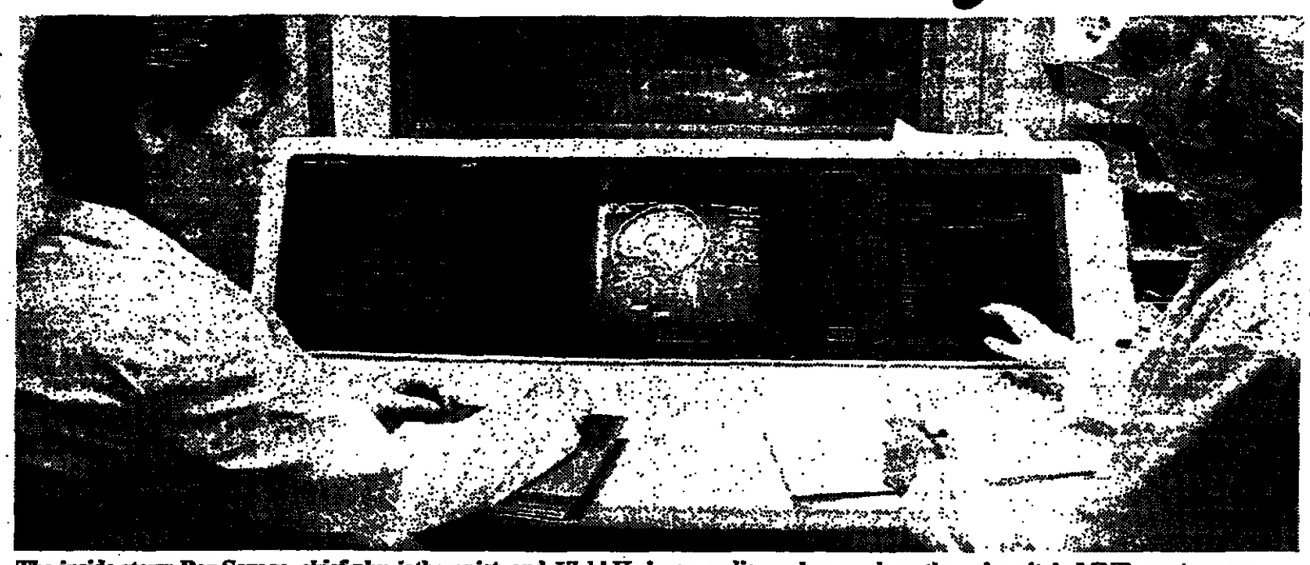
But although, inevitably, nowadays much of the public emphasis, especially when it comes to fund-raising, is on science, engineering and medicine, it would be very wrong to think of the University of Liverpool as some kind of technical college that dabbles from time to time in sociology and Third World politics.

The link with Uruguay, for example, owes almost nothing to ideology and almost everything to a certain Liverpudlian, Mr Canning, who was Britain's foreign minister at a time when Liverpool owned a seventh of the entire world's merchant fleet.

By the same token, it would be equally wrong to conclude that the restored Albert Dock was chosen for the northern extension of the Tate Gallery as some kind of environmental and cultural gesture to a deprived region. The Tate family belonged every bit as much to Liverpool as it did to London, and it was Sir Henry Tate who gave his name to the library housed within the Victoria Building at the heart of the university campus.

It was of course that red brick Gothic pile, designed by yet another famous Liverpudlian, Alfred Waterhouse, that inspired the term "redbrick" to denote the great civic universities of the Victorian age.

It is a reminder that Liverpool has rather more than the Beatles and a remarkable football team to contribute to the nation's history and, it must be hoped, its future.



The inside story: Roz Savage, chief physiotherapist, and Vicki Hodgson, radiographer, work on the university's MNR spectroscope

The amazing 'camera' that can look into the detailed workings of the brain

On Wednesday evening last week Professor Richard Edwards, the university's professor of medicine, was clearly an excited and happy man. He had just signed the final agreement establishing the country's first magnetic resonance research centre, which could have dramatic implications for the future of diagnostic medicine.

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This is known as spectroscopy and amounts to what is almost a "fourth dimension". To see a series of pictures beginning with the inside of the back of the head and moving forward so that the facial features like the nose and eyes come gradually into view is quite astonishing.

In layman's terms, it makes ordinary X-ray photographs look like the early days of television. It has the advantage over X-rays also in that there is no evidence of any harmful side effects, so that it can be used to photograph the foetus in the womb.

£400,000 raised for running costs

The Signa MNR system was designed and installed by the General Electric company of the United States. A total of more than £400,000 has been raised in donations and research grants to pay for the centre's running costs.

These include grants from the North West Cancer Research Fund for the study of tumours; the Health and Safety Executive for research into lumbar disc structure and function in manual workers; the Muscular Dystrophy Group for development of techniques for characterizing tissues; and the Marilyn Houlton MND Research Trust for developing techniques for photographing the spinal cord.

The centre will be used for research rather than routine diagnosis, but Professor Edwards points out that less elaborate and costly versions of MNR are available and could be installed in hospitals for everyday examinations.

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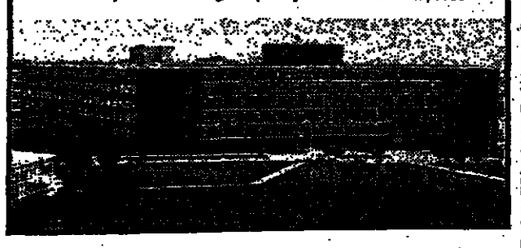
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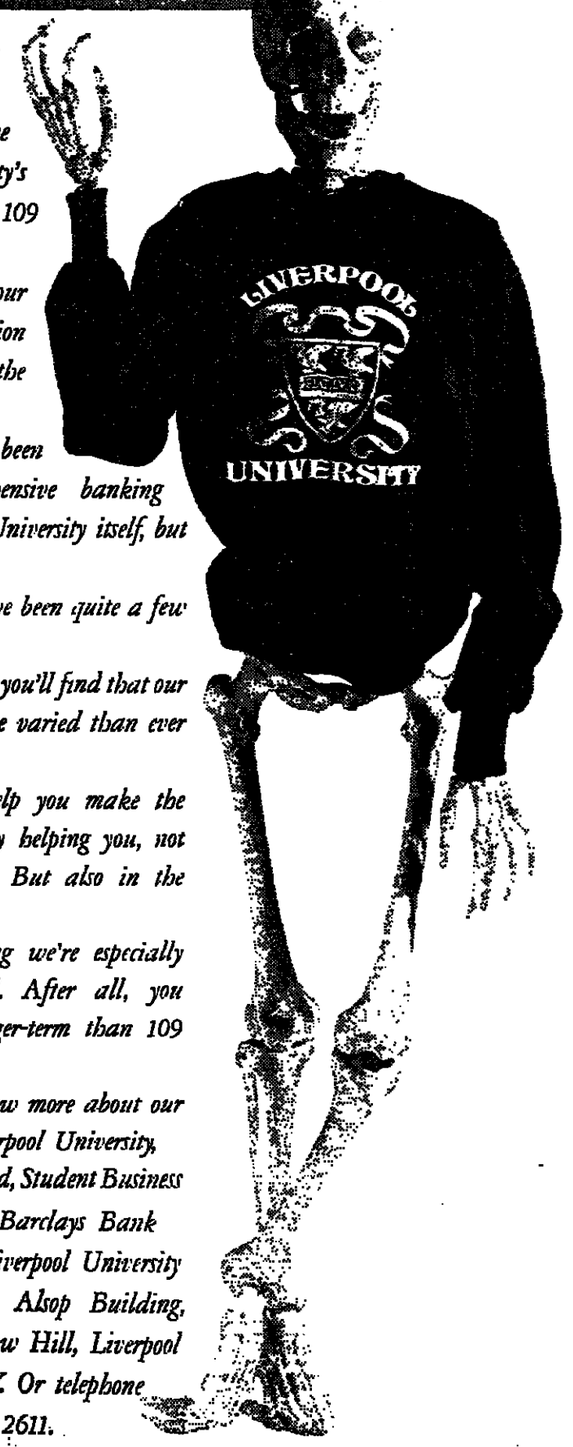
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Men who sell bright ideas

There is a distinctly commercial flavour to the University of Liverpool. That is in no way a criticism, but a tribute to its entrepreneurial flair in marketing its skills and in seeking funds from other than traditional sources.

One example is the University of Liverpool Technological Research and Advisory Service (ULTRA), a limited company wholly owned by the university.

Both Tom Flannery, its operations director, and John Skinner, its finance director, are young businessmen, as opposed to academics, whose brief is, in Mr Flannery's words, "to make money for the university by commercializing its bright ideas".

Already, its patented digital processing system has been bought by other universities as a teaching aid, by the National Health service for asthma monitoring and research, and by industry for a variety of purposes.

Other possible applications include advance warning of earth tremors and calculating acoustics in buildings.

It is also hoping to license a new precision powder dispenser which in due course could replace many of the aerosol sprays which environmentalists claim are damaging the ozone layer in the earth's upper atmosphere.

Another possible use is for the application of toxic chemicals, such as agricultural and garden pesticides, where it is important that the chemical should be confined to the target area.

A further bold venture, with significant implications in the event of the privatization of the electricity industry, is the University of Liverpoool Energy Company (ULEC). In this, the university has brought together a number of established engineering practices with wide experience in installing systems in public buildings, offices, factories, schools, shops and housing developments.

Its principal achievement has been installing a combined heat and power system within the university itself, which utilizes the heat from electricity generation which would otherwise go to waste.



Cashing in: directors Tom Flannery, left, and John Skinner

After protracted negotiations with the gas and electricity boards, which were not entirely happy about losing an important customer, the city council and the Health and Safety Executive, a gas turbine was installed to supply 60 per cent of the electricity demand on the campus and a large part of its heating and hot water requirements.

Against a capital cost of some £2 million, the savings are estimated at around £416,000 a year.

Gordon Hunter, the university's director of building services, recalls that, because of fears that the banks might be less than enthusiastic, the original idea had been to set up a joint venture with private industry.

However, the companies approached responded with such alacrity that Mr Hunter and his colleagues decided that there must be money in it and that there was no point in letting someone else share the profits.

The capital was raised without difficulty, and already considerable interest has been shown by other universities and by industry.

Mr Hunter claims that it is the first time a gas turbine has been used for this purpose, and the first time that a project of its scale has been attempted in any educational institution.

He believes that there are considerable national implications, though there are complications in that Britain's recent policy has been to build power stations away from large centres of population, which means that the heat recovered from electricity generation would have to be sent over long distances.

Were electricity to be privatized, we might well see a number of small generating stations set up in towns and cities where heat recovery would be practicable and profitable, he suggests.

But whereas in Denmark, for example, combined heat and power systems are part of a national energy strategy, in Britain no such strategy exists.

Catalyst hunt for change

In strictly scientific terms, catalysis does not convey much to anyone other than the boffins. Yet a catalyst is something that assists and hastens the process of change.

Since applied chemistry consists essentially of changing something into something else, catalysts are in great demand, and considerable importance is thus attached to the search for new and more effective combinations.

Occasionally, a breakthrough comes to public attention in the form of a new product, such as the development some 30 years ago of polyethylene, the stuff that now encases half the things we buy and drives us mad trying to remove.

The most notable recent example is probably the production by a British company, Johnson Matthey, of a catalyst that reduces the emissions from vehicle exhausts and is now in widespread use in the United States. The one drawback is that it uses a relatively rare metal called rhodium, which is found almost exclusively in South Africa, and so the search continues for a substitute.

One of the leading centres for catalysis research is the new Leverhulme Centre, part of the university's Department of Inorganic, Physical and Industrial Chemistry. It was the brainchild of Professor David King, head of the department, and is financed by grants from the Science and Engineering Research Council, the Leverhulme Trust, BP, British Gas, ICI and Johnson Matthey.

'Cash balance is wrong'

Professor Richard Joyner, the director of the centre, worked for BP until six months ago. Without wishing to offend the project's sponsors, he says he would have liked four times as much money and maintains that in France, Germany or the US he would probably have got it.

He believes that in Britain a disproportionate amount of government research funds goes into defence, with a consequent damaging effect on civil industries.

"I am not a pacifist or a unilateralist; I just believe the balance is wrong," he says.

Both he and Professor King feel that the Government has yet to appreciate the huge success of the British chemical industry and the massive contribution it makes to the balance of payments.

They also say that the big industrial companies are more inclined to finance individual scientists to carry out research projects of immediate benefit to themselves than put money into research in general.

But, although the Leverhulme Centre appears to have established a first, Professor King is under no illusions that it will be all plain sailing.

Both the Americans and the Japanese are jealous of the lead that Britain has grabbed in one of the main growth industries and the competition in the next few years is certain to be intense.



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The 'joker' who thinks big about little marvels

Imagine, if you can — and it may not be easy to do so — a paint brush with a single bristle travelling along the window frame of a tiny doll's house. Suppose that the handle of that brush is 100 miles long and is held by the painter sitting in a stationary satellite 100 miles above the earth.

Or, to take another of the analogies in which we are asked to put our faith, an instrument which can drill 1,000 million holes in an area the size of a pinhead. Or even one that can define one million lines side by side in the width of a pencil line.

Such are the claims made for a new electron microcope recently installed in the university's Department of Materials Science and Engineering. The sight of this phenomenon in action, displaying on its screen what are virtually atoms, the smallest particles in the universe, invites both wonder and scepticism. Are these blobs really infinitesimally small components of a grain of gold dust, or is someone playing a joke.

Professor Colin Humphreys, the head of the department, is by nature a joker, a tall, humorous, articulate man who should have a great future in the media explaining the inexplicable. But he is also a visionary who feels that the much vaunted technological revolution of the late 20th century is no more than a chip in the largely unexcavated rock of scientific knowledge.

Take, for example, superconductivity. Superconductors are old hat; we, or some of us, have known about them since the early years of the century. Their claim to fame is that they allow electric currents to flow through them without any resistance, which could result in, for example, formidably faster and more efficient computers than we have at present, fast and cheap magnetically levitated trains, and headaches for the electricity boards whose customers would demand only a fraction of their present requirements.

Until now, however, superconductors have been made only from boring old metals, operating at very low temperatures which are prohibitively expensive to achieve. The race is now on to develop ceramic materials able to carry high currents and operate at room temperatures. This, says Professor Humphreys, could change the face of society and herald the second industrial revolution. Many existing industries would go to the wall and be replaced by others developing the new materials.

The Government has an-

Swansong for lethal weights

nounced that it will establish a research centre and will make a decision before Christmas. Liverpool University, one of the three short-listed candidates, along with Cambridge and Birmingham, has already formed a consortium with the universities of Keele and Lancaster, Liverpool Polytechnic, ICI, Pilkingtons, Epichem and Ceram Research. A refreshing change from all this futurism is provided by the department's work on the development of new non-toxic weights to replace the lead weights traditionally used by anglers. This has become an important environmental issue since the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds estimates that some 3,000 swans die every year from lead poisoning.

The new weights are made from copper, blackened so as not to reflect the light, and are said to be cheaper to produce. The research has been sponsored by Bryant and May, the matches manufacturers who are reputedly concerned that, if the swan should become an extinct species, their symbol would be meaningless.

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By Ian A Jack

Purists might say Fiona Young has done few of the things which prudent business people are supposed to do. She has had no business plan, no market research, no loans, no grants and very little advertising. But her shrewdness and artistic skill — plus a dentist's drill — have produced work that graces the homes of Princess Anne, the Thatchers and Roy Jenkins.

Fiona works in one of Scotland's smallest workshops in the Carse valley at Stirling, engraving crystal glass — "everything from a decanter to the smallest flower vase," she says.

Fiona, now 49, was born in Ipswich, though a Scottish mother sent her north to study domestic science in Edinburgh. She followed that with a secretarial course and employment. It was some years afterwards when she became interested in a creative career and by then she was living at Tipperdarroch, her farmhouse-home, 12 miles from Stirling.

She first tried her hand at scraperboard notelets. "They kept me amused but little else", she recalls. "Four years ago I went into glass. I've always liked glass, but not until I started did I realize that people actually wanted it engraved."

She began to tour village craft fairs selling her early work. Then the market found her and people began to ask for special orders. Finally she stopped going to the fairs. "I'm just too busy", she says. "I don't advertise. I don't sell to shops but work keeps flowing in."



Fiona Young: Thatchers have bought her engraved mugs

She produces her engraving work in a tiny, ground floor room of the farmhouse — the farm itself is let — using a microelectronic dentist's drill with a diamond burr which cost her £500.

She usually works five hours a day, "but I enjoy the benefits of flexi- time. If I want to spend a day at, say, the Open Golf, as I did this summer, I work harder the previous day or in the evening when I come back."

She added: "I try not to have a backlog and although I prefer a month's notice for a special order some people ring 24 hours beforehand and expect you to produce — and I usually do."

Mrs Thatcher and husband Denis each have two engraved tumblers by Fiona Young, presented to them on a visit to Stirling. Princess Anne has tumblers, too, ordered from Fiona by a friend.

She is currently working on 22 liqueur decanters for Grosvenor House in London where one of her two daughters is food and beverage co-ordinator. Since she also operates a postal service, her engraved glass has a habit of turning up in Australia, New Zealand and America.

She is a member of the Scottish Craft Centre with work on show in their premises on the Royal Mile in Edinburgh, and a member of the Trossachs Tourist Board, which distributes her cards to hotels. That, and a sign at the end of her drive, is the limit of self-promotion.

She has just turned a disused hay silo into a showroom, which she designed herself.

She says she now achieves a regular £15,000 a year turnover from the customers who write, phone or simply drive up to the showroom. "I love the challenge of each piece of work", she says. "And I love the feeling, too, that you never know who's going to come up the road next."

BRIEFING

■ Exchange rate uncertainties have been added to skill shortages as problems for small firms which otherwise are reporting full order books and signalling a steady growth in manufacturing, *writes Derek Harris.* This is the latest picture from the Confederation of British Industry's smaller firms council which reports increasing concern about exchange rate effects.

One maker of lubricants had seen exports drop from 35 per cent of sales to 10 per cent after fluctuations against the pound by the United States and Australian dollars. A footwear components manufacturer, who exports 30 per cent of his production, said he was worried that he could be hit by exchange rate movements.
But service industries are becoming more involved in exports. Some British hairdressing schools are opening offshoots in the US and Europe and a firm specialising in redundancy counselling has set up in The Netherlands.
An aspect of the currently healthy environment for smaller businesses is that they are buying an increasing amount of capital goods. But some needs are still having to be met from abroad because the requisite equipment is not produced in Britain.

■ An *Enterprise 87* franchise and business opportunity exhibition is to be staged at the Leeds Exhibition Centre on November 21 and 22 following similar events at Birmingham and Brighton earlier this year. The venue is an appropriate choice as Yorkshire is a northern stronghold of franchising.

Franchise businesses in search of franchisees will be showing what they have to offer with investment levels for franchisees ranging from £1,500 to £50,000 or more. A number of free seminars are being arranged covering franchising, licensing, distributorships, agencies and other self-employment opportunities. Various organizations and companies will be offering advice and start-up finance.

● Contact the organizers: Acumex, 865 Ringwood Road, Bournemouth, BH11 8LW; phone (0202) 581122.

■ Oxtrade, formed to encourage key purchasing organizations in Oxfordshire to use local county sources for their needs, was launched this week. It is a new venture by the Thames Business Advice Centre, a local enterprise agency, to stimulate small businesses in the county. A database will be used to put purchasers and likely suppliers in contact. If it proves a success it is hoped it can be used as a blueprint for similar ventures elsewhere in the United Kingdom.
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Bishop's move on conservation front

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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

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An even bigger development is planned on a five acre site near the Royal Mint, east of Tower Bridge by Skanska, Sweden's largest construction company, jointly with the Windborne International Group. They have purchased the site from the London Docklands Development Corporation and have applied for full planning consent for a mixed-use development of about 1.1 million square feet.

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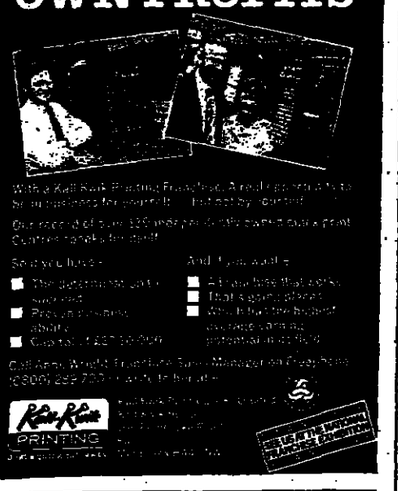
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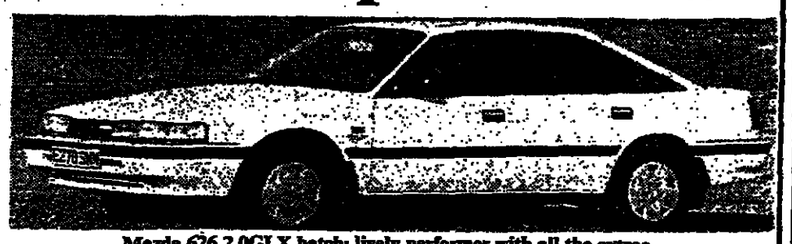
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Motoring by Clifford Webb

Super Mazda heaps on extras

It is not enough these days to produce a good looking, safe and efficient new car. It seems everybody is capable of doing that now. The result of this all-round improvement and the extensive choice available to the British motorist is a battle between manufacturers who embellish cars with most "goodies" for the least price.

The new Mazda 626 which went on sale here this week is a good example. It faces a tough job taking on winners like the Ford Sierra, the new Renault 21, and Nissan's British-assembled Bluebird. A very competent car offering more passenger and luggage space than its predecessor, new 1.8 and 2.0 litre engines, the Mazda comes in hatchback, saloon and coupé form and is faster, quieter and more economical.



Mazda 626 2.0GLX hatch: lively performer with all the extras

Vital Statistics

Model: Mazda 2000 GLX saloon
Price: £9269
Engine: 1998cc
Performance: 0-60mph 10.4 secs, maximum speed 118mph
Official consumption: Urban 23mpg, 56mph, 47.9mpg and 75mph, 37.2mpg
Length: 14.8 feet
Insurance: Group 6

But that is still not enough to win sales. To clinch the deal Mazda Cars (UK) is offering the following equipment as standard on the cheapest model the 1800 LX: power steering, adjustable steering column, rear window wash-wipe, rev counter, 60-40 folding rear seats, tinted windscreen, remote control door mirrors, adjustable anchorage points for seat belts, stereo radio/cassette and a dozen other extras such as headlights and doors open warning buzzer and illuminated key surrounds.

According to Mazda, buyers are getting hundreds of pounds worth of extras on a car costing less than the competition. And make no mistake — even if there were no goodies this newcomer would be a formidable contender.

While most of my colleagues went to the USA to drive the 626 prior to its launch I was lucky enough to do stay-at-home road test on a 2.0 litre GLX saloon. In addition to the LX's already comprehensive specification the GLX has electric windows, central locking, fatter tyres, bucket-type driver's seat and a courtesy light with time delay.

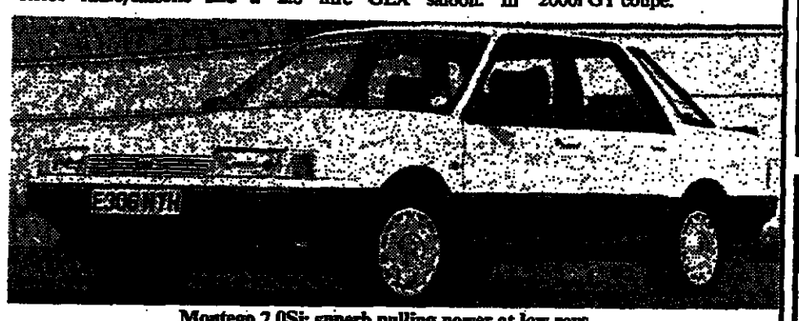
The new engine with three valves per cylinder gives it a very lively performance while the five-speed gearbox is effortless and precise enough to be forgotten.

I could live with this latest Mazda and be content whatever the journey. Prices range from £8179 for the 1800 LX saloon to £12,949 for the 2000i GT coupé.

Montego puts the emphasis on power

One of Mazda's competitors is the recently-launched Montego 2.0Si costing £169 more but considerably less well-equipped. The most obvious omissions — central locking and electric windows — are becoming standard items on any cars with pretensions to "above average" status.

The 2.0Si is however targetted at a special section of the market — the company car driver who rates a model "above average" but wants to spend the extra allocation on performance rather than fittings. It is basically the cheapest 1.6 Montego, the L version, but powered by the 2.0 litre injected engine previously restricted to the more expensive EFi, MG and Vanden Plas models.



Montego 2.0Si: superb pulling power at low revs

The "O" series engine has been around quite a few years now but in its latest modified guise, plus fuel injection outperforms many of its younger and more technically-advanced multi-valve competitors.

Bottom end punch is outstanding. It will accelerate from standstill to 60mph in just nine seconds, very impressive for such a big car. Even more impressive is the way it responds to the throttle for overtaking. In fourth gear (it is a five speed box) it takes only 8.5 seconds to accelerate from 30mph to 50mph and the power keeps on flowing right up to 100mph. However from then to its maximum of 115mph it becomes distinctly thrashy.

All that pulling power at low revs should make it an excellent tow car for caravans and trailors.

The test car was fitted with the optional power steering costing £225. I found it gave too much assistance at the expense of "road feel" and made the car "twitchy". Power assisted Montegos have been like that for some time. I am surprised Austin Rover have still not carried out the simple modification necessary to reduce the amount of assistance and restore "feel".

Vital Statistics

Model: Montego 2.0Si
Price: £9428
Engine: 1994cc injected
Performance: 0-60mph 9 secs, maximum speed 115mph
Official consumption: Urban 27.2mpg, 56mph, 49.6mpg and 75mph 37.6mpg
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ROWING

Familiar foes to do battle again

By Jim Railton

The Westminster Serpentine Regatta this weekend has attracted some of the world's leading oarsmen and scullers from Great Britain, the Soviet Union, France and Italy. They will compete in a four nations sprint 500 metres, virtually in the heart of the West End. There will be two separate international matches tomorrow and Sunday along with many open and junior events and it is all free to the public.

The highlight of the international racing is likely to be yet another contest between Yuri and Nikolai Pimenov, of the Soviet Union, and Steve Redgrave and Andy Holmes, of Great Britain. The Pimenov twins have won the world coxless pair title three times and an Olympic silver medal in 1980 in this event.

But Redgrave and Holmes defeated the Soviet pair in a controversial re-row in the Silver Goblets' final at Henley Royal Regatta this year and again in a heat in the Lucerne International, five days later. Redgrave and Holmes went on to win the coxless pair world title in Copenhagen, deposing the Pimenovs.

The organizers have also attracted one of the greatest rowing athletes of all time. Alf Hansen, of Norway, won his first world championship medal in Copenhagen in 1971 and this year at the age of 39 he added another world silver medal to his collection, appropriately at Copenhagen.

Hansen's haul includes an Olympic gold medal in double sculls in 1976 and world titles in this event in 1975, 1978, 1979 and 1982. Hansen will compete in the open single sculls and with his former world champion partner, Rolf Thorsen, in the open double sculls.

The talented Italian team will include at least one of the Abbagnale brothers, who took back their world title in coxed pairs from Redgrave and Holmes in Copenhagen this year. The British, who were going for two golds, collected a gold and silver which was still a remarkable feat.

The Soviet rowers, apart from the Pimenov twins, include their powerful quadruple sculls, winners of two world titles, and Sergei Yakushka, world bronze medal winner, will contest the international single sculls in which Redgrave, the Commonwealth champion competes.

Racing starts at 9.15 a.m. tomorrow and the event, sponsored by the London Electricity Board, includes the noisy but exciting dragon boat racing.

The ups and downs of football on either side of the border

Scotland holds a clear lead on the financial scoresheet

By John Goodbody

Leading Scottish football clubs have been more successful financially in recent years than their English counterparts.

An independent report*, published today, compares accounts from clubs in the two countries for seasons 1984-85 and 1985-86. Whereas the Scottish premier division managed a 15.9 per cent increase in turnover (sales gross) over these two financial years, the English first division suffered a decline of 2.4 per cent over the same period.

The leading Scottish clubs improved their average profit margin (profit before tax as a percentage of sales) from 2.4 per cent in 1984-85 to 3.8 per cent in 1985-86. But the English clubs recorded a drop in their profit margin from 8.1 per cent in 1984-85 to a negative 6.3 per cent the following year.

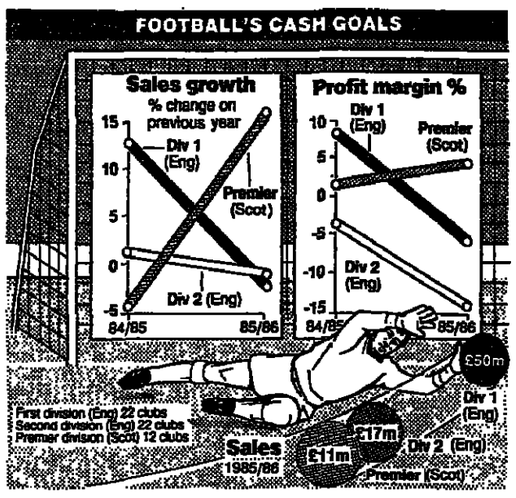
It is further evidence how badly football in England has suffered from the disasters of Bradford and Brussels in May, 1985, with many clubs being forced to spend on ground improvements and the top teams being banned from European competitions.

But the report states that the relative success of the Scots was generated by improved attendances spurred on by the re-emergence of a successful Rangers side and the beneficial effects of league restructuring, with the elite premier division.

The report forecasts that the first division has been "profitable in the past and will be again when English clubs are once again admitted to the European competitions". But it is not confident about the future of clubs in the lower divisions of both countries.

About the rest of the Football League it warns that it will "never experience sustained profitability with a few individual exceptions. To the extent that it always appears someone is willing to step in and save clubs experiencing a financial crisis this may not appear to matter but this is a short-sighted view.

"The recurrent financial crises among clubs in the lower divisions is bad for the image of the game and must make its successful marketing harder," the report says.



"The shortage of funds inevitably means that grounds are less safe, less comfortable and more vulnerable to crowd disorder. The continued parlous existence of many of these clubs is a drain not only on the wealthy, successful clubs but also on those on the margins of breaking even."

The report accepts that football has changed "albeit with a certain reluctance" by raising alternative methods of finance such as sponsorship, but says that ground-sharing and relocation of teams to areas of new population growth "may be the only viable option for some teams."

Alcohol restriction is a major factor

It concludes: "The clubs will grasp the nettle of a planned restructuring of their activities or will instead forego an active role, leaving their future to be shaped by ultimately irresistible market forces and possibly an unsympathetic government."

Reacting to the report, Wallace Mercer, the chairman of Hearts, says that English football had slipped into a downward cycle in the period under scrutiny. "It is now in reverse, thank goodness. The £4.5m sponsorship of Barclays Bank was a benchmark," Mercer said. But he considers that England is still four years behind Scotland in the upward cycle. One particular feature is that the legislation restricting alcohol at games was passed for grounds north of the border in 1980, five years before it was introduced in England.

Together with moves to eradicate foul play such as tackles from behind, the image of the Scottish game improved. "We have been broadening our market, directly appealing not just to the traditional blue and white collar workers but to women, older people and youngsters."

The success of clubs like Hearts is shown by their making profits five years out of the last six. But the Scottish premier division attendances are booming this season with an aggregate of 1,190,716, an 8.8 per cent increase over last year.

Ian Donald, vice-chairman of Aberdeen, says this is largely due to the streamlining of the Scottish League with a premier division, currently of 12 clubs, so that everyone plays each other four times and there are no meaningless middle-of-the-table games. "The fact we play Rangers and Celtic so often is very attractive to the sponsors. If the top clubs in England had a more compact league then they would do even better," he said.

The league is already this season showing a 2.8 per cent increase in attendances over last year despite there being one fewer match each Saturday in the first division.

Donald adds that another factor in the success north of the border is that because of England's exclusion from Europe, the Scottish clubs have had increased publicity and television coverage in the European competitions which has pleased the sponsors.

Jim Greenwood, secretary of Everton, the league champions, was reluctant to draw conclusions from a number of balance sheets because the most important assets of a club, the players' value in the transfer market, are not registered.

He also argues that football clubs have not been set up as companies to make profits because under FA regulations only limited dividends are available. "I would not say that the Scots are more enterprising than the English clubs, in fact the clubs do more here on the business side." Mr Greenwood added that the European ban had not been "a bad discipline" for some clubs because it forced them to generate revenue from other sources.

Less dependence on gate receipts

John Smith, the executive director of Luton Town, pointed out that another weakness of analysing balance sheets is that traditionally the clubs have bought players at the end of a financial year, if they are showing a large profit, because in this way they are not subject to 40 per cent corporation tax.

Mr Smith added that 20 years ago clubs in England relied 99 per cent on gate money for their income. "Now the ratio at Luton is 40 per cent from the gate and 60 per cent from other sources."

"It will also be very interesting to see what happens in Scotland this year. Scots have in the past been very careful about spending but now they've been buying English players and this could inflate transfer fees. This could have an effect on current and future accounts. There could be a dramatic turnabout."

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FISHING

Surprising paradise for pursuit of salmon

By Conrad Voss Bark

A Spain remote from the Costa Brava is being publicized, surprisingly, by the Atlantic Salmon Trust. One doesn't think of Spain having any salmon. The Trust enlightens us.

There are about 20 rivers in the northern provinces of Galicia, Asturias and Cantabria which have a good run of fish, the best in April and May. This is wild country, well forested, with high mountains and clear rivers. It also has a small population of wild boar, brown bear and wolves.

Salmon fishing in Spain is apparently better organised than in Scotland. All netting is banned and has been ever since the days of Franco. Bait fishing is widely practised.

Salmon catches are limited to between one or three fish a day, depending on the beat, and all salmon caught have to be weighed and tagged by the official *guardia*. This is generally done while the fisherman stands the drinks. The local department of agriculture is in charge of the fishing and issues permits and licences. The system is described as being "regimented", especially on the prime beats. Catches in the 1950s and 60s reached more than a 1,000 a year on some of the best rivers, but now they are closer to a couple of hundred a year, or about the same as some salmon rivers in England.

Do not be disturbed if you are watched fishing by an armed man. He is the bailiff. Bailiffs are armed because from time to time they have battles with poaching gangs, known as the *hombres furtivos*. Ignore the *furtivos*. Say hello to the bailiffs.

The Spanish fishing booklet can be obtained from the Atlantic Salmon Trust, Moulin, Pitlochry, Perthshire, PH16 5JQ. Price £1.50.

TENNIS

Bailey joins LTA squad for tour to Australasia

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

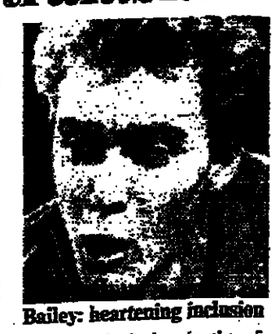
Chris Bailey, of Norwich, aged 19, has been chosen to join three Davis Cup players, Jeremy Bates, Andrew Castle and Stephen Shaw, in the Lawn Tennis Association's team to tour New Zealand and Australia. The players will leave on December 16 for a trip that, after rigorous practice and training, will include tournaments in Wellington and Auckland and, finally, the Australian championships in Melbourne.

Warren Jacques, director of the international squad, may add one or two more players to the team if he thinks fit. Much depends on the results British players achieve on a satellite circuit in Portugal. Of particular relevance will be the form of Stuart Bale, who won the British championships in 1986 and was runner-up this year.

"I was interested in taking Bale," Jacques said yesterday, "but his ranking is so low that he wouldn't even get into the qualifying down there. That's the main reason I haven't included him. But I told him that if he can improve his ranking he may get a berth. There are a lot of players I would like to take but they have to prove themselves."

The British contingent in New Zealand and Australia will be much larger than the official team. The rest must pay their own way but, as Jacques pointed out yesterday, will have all the help that he and Nigel Sears, his assistant coach, can give them.

Jacques wanted to take three younger players in addition to the senior team, but has shelved the idea because Mark Petchey has scholastic priorities, Danny Sapsford and Darren Kirk will not be eligible for junior events coinciding with the tour, and others have been ruled out on the grounds that "it's a little too soon to take them to Australia."



Bailey: heartening inclusion

Bailey's inclusion in the official team must be heartening for Britain's teenagers. He is 6ft 5in tall, which is three inches more than Rod Laver's ideal for a tennis player. Bailey had a good win over Gary Donnelly at Wimbledon and, in the recent national championships, reached the singles semi-finals and shared the mixed doubles title with Clare Wood.

Bates, Castle and Shaw are mature players and there is not much Jacques can do for them other than demand a tougher competitive attitude and a more consistent level of performance. Bailey, on the other hand, will benefit from technical and tactical refinement — plus international experience.

Bailey will learn a lot from the five-week tour this winter. "They will all be in for gruelling training and strict discipline, geared to tough mental and tournament experience," Jacques said yesterday, during his first visit to the National Training Centre at Bisham Abbey.

There, at least, this laid-back Australian was stimulated by his British environment. "Most impressive," he said, "and I'm amazed at the beauty. I didn't know you had such hills in this part of England."

The Chilterns served as a reminder that Jacques has quite a few hills ahead of him.

SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

Late goal earns draw for Repton

By George Chesterton

In a week where draws were much in evidence Repton were happy to get away with sharing the honours against QECS, Blackburn. QEGS gradually took control in midfield and scored with a good header 10 minutes from time. Loosemore scrambled the equalizer just before the final whistle and against the run of play.

In their match against Kings, Chester, Repton scored twice in the second half, but King's fought back to earn a 2-2 draw.

Brentwood, who have found goals hard to come by, had the better of Chigwell for most of their match. Brentwood lost 1-0 to a breakaway goal 10 minutes from time. Against Bradfield they had chances but neither side were able to score.

Manchester GS and Hulme GS came away from their match with two goals apiece. Manchester were leading 1-0 at half time but Hulme replied with goals from Nolan and Willcock. Manchester equalized with five minutes remaining.

Cardinal Vaughan were impressive in their 3-1 win over Highgate. Highgate went ahead early with an excellent goal by Hammerson and their opponents equalized through Otero. Cardinal Vaughan took control after the interval and Otero scored again with the third goal coming from Fraser.

SOUTHERN SCHOOLS XI (to play Corinthian Casuals, November 8): C Rogers (Winchester), R Turville (Elizabeth College, Guernsey), M Speckman (Brentwood), J Holliday (Millfield), D Liska (Highgate), J Dexter (Lancing), J Wood (Bradfield), O Dawson (Millfield), D Cogan (Westminster), B Barnett (Forest), W Royall (Millfield).

House of Lords — Law Report October 16 1987 — Court of Appeal

Employer liable over wage cut

Rigby v Ferodo Ltd

Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Fraser of Tullybelton, Lord Brightman, Lord Ackner and Lord Oliver of Aylmerton

[Speeches October 15]

Where an employee never accepted a wage reduction imposed by his employers, but continued to work without being given notice or being dismissed, his employment under his contract of service never came to an end, and he was entitled to recover from his employers the shortfall between the wages paid and the wages to which he was contractually entitled, his claim not being limited to the contractual notice period.

The House of Lords so held dismissing an appeal by the employers, Ferodo Ltd, from the dismissal by the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice May, Lord Justice Woolf and Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce) (*The Times* October 15, 1986) of their appeal from the order of Mr Justice Ognall on January 29, 1986, who gave judgment for the employee, Mr Harry Rigby, on his claim for damages for breach of his contract of employment and for a declaration that a wage reduction imposed on him by the employers was in breach of his contract.

Mr G. W. Wingate-Saul, QC and Mr John Hand for the employers; Mr Michael Kershaw, QC and Mr Timothy J. Dutton for the employee's widow and administratrix.

LORD OLIVER said that in 1980 the employers had entered into an agreement, with the confederation of unions to which the employee's union belonged, governing the rate at which the employee was entitled to be remunerated under his contract of employment.

In 1982 the employers were experiencing severe financial pressures and concluded that their only course was to invite the workforce to accept a reduction in wages below the level to which they were entitled under their contracts of employment.

The confederation would not consent to the reductions and threatened industrial action if they were imposed unilaterally. The management agreed to modify the cuts by a small amount if the union agreed not to take industrial action, and on September 18, 1982, the employers promulgated the wage reductions.

The judge found that there was never any agreement by the confederation that the reductions would be accepted by the workforce or that the terms of their members' contracts of employment would be varied. He also found that the subsequent conduct of the employee did not evince any consent to the reduction.

The employee continued to work but was paid only at the reduced scale. It was to recover the difference between the wages to which he was entitled under his contract and the wages actually paid that the employee instituted the present action.

The employers submitted that where there was a combination of three factors: (i) a breach of contract going to an essential term, (ii) a desire in the party in breach either not to continue the contract or to continue it in a different form, and (iii) no practical option in the other party but to accept the breach; then the contract was automatically brought to an end.

His Lordship failed to see how the continuance of the primary contractual obligation could be made to depend on the subjective desire of the contract-breaker and did not understand what was meant by the injured party having no alternative but to accept the breach.

If that meant that, if the contract-breaker persisted, the injured party might have to put up with the fact that he would not be able to enforce the primary obligation of performance, that was true of every contract which was not susceptible of specific performance.

If it meant that he had no alternative to accepting the breach as a repudiation and thus terminating the contract, it begged the question. There was no reason in law or logic why, leaving aside the extreme cases of outright dismissal and walk-out, a contract of employment should be on any different footing from any other contract regarding the principle that "an unaccepted repudiation is a thing writ in water and of no value to anybody".

One thing that was clear was that the employers had no intention whatever of terminating the contracts of employment with their workforce except by compelling the acceptance of new contractual terms which the employee and his fellow union members were unwilling to, and never did, accept.

Faced with that, the employers could have terminated the contracts on proper notice. They chose not to do so. They could have dismissed them out of hand and faced the consequences. They chose not to do so. They continued to employ them, week by week, under contracts which entitled them to a certain level of wages but withheld from them a part of that entitlement.

In those circumstances, his Lordship could see no answer at all to the employee's claim.

It had been argued that the employee's claim was for damages rather than for debt and that the rule, that a defendant who had two methods of performing his contract must be taken to have selected that which was most favourable to him, applied.

Thus, the argument ran, since the employers could have lawfully terminated the employee's contract by 12 weeks' notice, they must be treated as if they had done so, so that the claim to damages was limited to the shortfall in wages during that period.

His Lordship derived no assistance from the distinction between debt and damages. On either view the argument advanced was based on a fallacy. It assumed the very proposition already rejected, namely that the employment under the contract of service had come to an end.

But, here was a claim for sums due under a continuing contract which was never terminated, and there was simply no room for the application of the principle referred to.

Lord Bridge, Lord Fraser, Lord Brightman and Lord Ackner agreed.

Solicitors: Gregory Rowcliffe & Co; Lawford & Co.

Labour Party dismissal 'charade'

Oakley v Labour Party

Before Lord Justice Watkins, Lord Justice Nourse and Mr Justice Michael Davies

[Reasons October 15]

The Labour Party acted unreasonably in treating the restructuring of its marketing unit as a sufficient reason for not renewing the contract of employment of the unit's sales and marketing officer. The unit's restructuring was simply a pretext for getting rid of the sales and marketing officer. Accordingly, she was unfairly dismissed.

The Court of Appeal so stated giving its reasons for allowing on July 31, 1987 an appeal by the employee, Ms Nik Oakley, from a decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal (*The Times* December 12, 1986; [1987] ICR 178).

Mr David Ellis for the employee; Mr Colin Edelman for the Labour Party.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS, giving the reserved reasons of the court, said that in 1984 the Labour Party decided to set up a marketing department at its headquarters in London to promote the party.

Ms Oakley was appointed the first sales and marketing officer under a fixed-term contract for one year from January 3, 1985. At the end of that period her contract was not renewed and her job came to an end.

Section 55(2) of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 provided that "an employee shall be treated as dismissed by his employer if . . . where . . . he is employed for a fixed term, that term expires without being renewed under the same contract". So the employee was deemed to be dismissed.

The question was whether the dismissal was fair or unfair. The industrial tribunal decided that it was unfair. The Labour Party appealed to the Employment Appeal Tribunal, which took the opposite view and ruled that the dismissal was fair.

The offer of the post was contained in a letter from the Labour Party to the employee dated October 8, 1984 which stated "this appointment will be on a fixed-term contract for one year and the post will be made permanent if the unit proves successful".

The contract ran for the full year but no longer. However, that year was not roses all the way.

As the industrial tribunal put it "a great deal of evidence was produced" (by the Labour Party) "to show that the [employee] had been unable to make and sustain a proper relationship with other members of the staff. This evidence was denied by the [employee] . . . We do not propose to go further into the rights or wrongs of this situation . . . Difficulties with the existing staff were not put forward as the reason for dismissal."

Towards the end of the year the Labour Party decided to restructure the sales and marketing unit, with the disappearance of the employee's job and the creation of a new job, involving duties broadly similar to those performed by the employee but with an extended scope.

On November 11, 1985 the Labour Party's director of campaigns and communications sent a letter to the employee offering her a new short-term contract and stating that it would be open to her to apply for the new post. She did not accept the offer of a new contract of four months. The new post was advertised.

On December 16, 1985 the Labour Party's administrative and personnel officer wrote to inform the employee that she had been shortlisted for the post of publishing and marketing manager. She was interviewed but did not get the job.

The court did not agree with the approach adopted by either the industrial tribunal or the Employment Appeal Tribunal. There was no doubt that the industrial tribunal found that the employer had fulfilled the requirements of section 57(1) of the 1978 Act, that is, that there was substantial reason of a kind such as to justify the dismissal; and in the court's view that finding could not be faulted.

It was then necessary to proceed to section 57(3) in order to ascertain whether the dismissal was fair or unfair. That depended on whether the employer acted reasonably or unreasonably in treating the reason as a sufficient reason. That question was to be determined in accordance with equity and the substantial merits of the case.

That question had to be answered in the light of the industrial tribunal's findings of fact which, in the court's opinion, amply justified the submission made by counsel for the employee, that there was in the present case a charade — the Labour Party had made up its mind to get rid of the employee and the restructuring was a pretext.

The court had in mind particularly the letter of November 11, 1985, the subsequent advertisement of the new post, the inability of the employer to establish that the employee was responsible for poor staff relations, the offer of a short-term appointment of up to four months and the shortlist interview of the employee after the employer had clearly determined that she should not be appointed to the new job.

The conclusion had inevitably to follow that the employer acted unreasonably and the dismissal was unfair. In the court's judgment, the industrial tribunal reached the right conclusion, although not by the correct route. Accordingly, the court would restore the decision of the industrial tribunal that the employee was unfairly dismissed.

Solicitors: Matthew Arnold & Baldwin, Watford; Pritchard Englefield & Tobin.

Imbalance in reporting child care cases that go wrong

In re D (a Minor)

Before Mr Justice Latey

[Judgment October 15]

In giving guidance to justices' clerks faced with applications by putative fathers for custody or access relating to a child in the care of the local authority, Mr Justice Latey referred to imbalance in media reporting in that those cases concerning children in care which went wrong received immense coverage but seldom was there mention of the thousands of cases which were sensitively and successfully handled by the social services departments.

His Lordship allowed an appeal in the Family Division brought by Staffordshire County Council from the order of Stafford Magistrates Court who granted the father reasonable access to his daughter who was in the care of the authority.

The decision of the justices had been made on February 20, 1987 before the decision in *In re M and H (Minors) (Local Authority: Parental Rights) (The Times* May 26, 1987; [1987] 3 WLR 759).

Mr John Mitting, QC and Mrs Jean Draycott for the local authority; Mr T. Scott Baker, QC and Miss Estella Hindley for the father; Mr Douglas Taylor for the mother.

MR JUSTICE LATEY said that the predicament that the clerks were in arose because under the Guardianship of Minors Act 1971 a putative father had the right to apply for custody or access. Similarly under the common law he had the right to make the child a ward of court and on the face of it obtain the decision of the court.

But under the Children and Young Persons Act 1969, local authorities (that meant the social services departments) were empowered, indeed required, to make decisions about the care and upbringing of children entrusted or brought within their responsibilities in the ways which the Act prescribed.

It was an anxious, often difficult and a very responsible duty borne by social services departments with their resources stretched to the limit.

Inevitably every now and again a case went wrong. That was bound to happen. There was immense media coverage of such cases but seldom mention of the thousands of cases which each year were sensitively and successfully handled.

There were two sad and very serious consequences of the unbalanced reporting. The confidence of the public in the social services departments might be undermined and also the confidence of some social workers in decision-making was undermined.

A Jasmine Beckford or Kimberley case was headlined. Some social workers lost all confidence and would take no chance at all removing a child from the family instead of doing what they and everyone concerned should do and that was to balance the risks, the advantages and disadvantages to the child of the available options.

His Lordship's observations were shared by many and it was to be hoped that in another sensational case where something went wrong the media could find a way to place it in perspective, viewing such a case as an exception.

Turning to the problem in the magistrates courts: how was a clerk to deal with an application under the 1971 Act over a child who was in the care of a local authority?

The effect of the decision in *In re H and M (Minors)* was that where a child was in care and an application was made for access, the magistrates court had jurisdiction to entertain it, must entertain it but must reject the application because it was analogous to that dealt with by the House of Lords in *A v Liverpool City Council* ([1982] AC 36).

The Court of Appeal in *M and H* was also asked to consider the jurisdiction to entertain and adjudicate upon an application for custody in similar circumstances.

The local authority conceded that a parent had the right to apply for custody and have the matter determined on the merits. The Court of Appeal felt bound to accept that concession "for the purposes of the appeal" making it plain that the issue of custody was not before the court.

The custody issue was there referred to a judge of the Family Division and came before Mrs Justice Booth who held that an application for custody stood on the same footing as one for access.

His Lordship agreed with tha decision. The magistrates court had jurisdiction to hear a custody application in such circumstances but should reject it.

Should a justices' clerk convene a bench to hear a sterile application?

In his Lordship's opinion the clerk should do all that he properly could to avoid the waste of time and money. If the applicant was legally represented it would be proper for the clerk to draw the attention of the lawyer to the present state of the law and to advise his client further. If the applicant was in person it would be perfectly proper for the clerk to explain the legal position to him.

Solicitors: Mr B. A. Price, Stafford; Hand Morgan & Owen, Stafford; Walters & Plaskitt, Stoke-on-Trent.

Listing blemish on county courts

In re C (a Minor)

Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Neill and Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce

[Judgment October 14]

Those responsible for the listing of cases in the county courts should institute a system which eliminated disruption and lack of continuity in the hearings, particularly in cases involving children.

The Court of Appeal so stated when dismissing an appeal by Hampshire County Council from the dismissal by Portsmouth County Court (Judge Galpin) of their application to free a minor in their care for adoption.

Miss Anne Ralphs for Hampshire County Council; Mr Jonathan Swift, who did not appear below, for the guardian *ad litem*; Mr Paul McCormick for the mother.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that in the present case there had been a serious lack of continuity in the hearing of the application with long periods elapsing over a spread of hearings.

That lack of continuity was inherent in the listing system operating in most, though not all county courts. His Lordship referred to a praiseworthy experiment in the North of England to try to prevent lack of continuity.

However, this application had begun on June 4, 1986. On June 5 it was adjourned until August 8 when the cross-examination of one witness started, only to be resumed two months later on October 15. There were further adjournments thereafter with the hearings continuing on particular dates in December 1986 and January and March 1987. The judgment was given on May 15, 1987.

His Lordship said that lack of continuity strained the recollection of both counsel and the judge. He hoped that those responsible for listing in the county courts would institute a new system to eliminate "stop-go" hearings and that they would not await the inevitable conclusions of the Civil Justice Review that that should be done.

The present case was particularly serious because it involved children and was a major blemish on the county courts of this country which his Lordship hoped would not be perpetuated.

Lord Justice Neill and Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Blake Lapthorn, Portsmouth; Large & Gibson, Portsmouth; Kevin J. O'Hara, Portsmouth.

What makes a 'home'

Crawley Borough Council v Sawyer

For a dwelling house to be a person's "home" for the purposes of section 81 of the Housing Act 1985, it was not necessary that he should be in actual physical occupation of it: it was sufficient for there to be some sign of occupation, for example, the person's furniture in the dwelling and that the person intended to return to live there.

He could have more than one "home" at any one time, and which one constituted his "principal home" for the purpose of section 81 was a question of fact for the judge.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice O'Connor and Lord Justice Parker) so held on October 9, dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff, Crawley Borough Council, from Horsham County Court (Judge MacManus, QC) which on March 16 had dismissed its claim against the defendant, Mr Peter A. Sawyer, for possession of an house of which he was tenant.

RACING: WARNING'S LATE DEFECTION LEAVES PREMIER TWO-YEAR-OLD PRIZE AT MERCY OF UNBEATEN CECIL-TRAINED COLT

Asteroid Field takes up Californian challenge

By Michael Seely

Asteroid Field is set to join the Californian gold rush at Hollywood Park on November 21 after cantering home in the Ricard Challenge Stakes at a rain-soaked Newmarket yesterday.

Together with Sonic Lady, Milligram and Waajib, Barry Hills's filly is bound for the $1 million Breeders' Cup Mile on turf, the race that Last Tycoon won for France at Santa Anita last year.

"If she's going to win a really good race, now is the time," said Michael Hills. "Now she's got her head in front, she's got all her confidence back and is in top form."

Barry Hills has now sent out 88 winners since his move to Manton. "This has always been a good filly," he said. "The trouble was that last year Sheikh Mohammed owned Sonic Lady as well, so it was difficult to programme her."

On a previous visit to California last November, the filly showed her ability to handle the tight American circuits when finishing fourth to Bonne Ile in the Yellow Ribbon Stakes at Santa Anita.

The Houghton meeting always acts as a blueprint for the following season's classics and yesterday's racing provided a pointer to the Oaks when Willie Carson drove the Queen's filly, Highbrow, to a decisive win over Ile De Chypre in the second division of the Chesterton Maiden.

"Highbrow's likely to need a mile and a half next year" Dick Hern said. "She hasn't got as much speed as her mother, Highclere, who won the 1,000 Guineas in 1974."

Guy Harwood, trainer of the runner-up, had earlier seen another Palborough two-year-old Stormline finish second to Sea Symphony in the first division.

Talking about his decision to withdraw Warning from this afternoon's Dewhurst Stakes, the Sussex trainer said: "There was no point in giving the colt a punishing race in soft ground at this stage of the game."

Sea Symphony was a most impressive winner in the hands of Tony Ives and Olivier Douieb's Arctic Tern colt is now a 33-1 chance for the 2,000 Guineas.

"That will probably be his last race this season," Douieb said. "I still don't know why he played up before the start at the last meeting. If he does run again, it will be in a pattern race in France."

Paul Cole's magnificent season continued when Richard Quinn rode Bow Bloom to victory in the seller. The Whatcombe trainer now needs only £37,000 to have earned £1 million in prize money abroad this year. "I'm sending Bint Pasha for the Breeders' Cup Turf," Cole said. "And I've got several other runners in Europe that might do the trick."

Pat Eddery's lead in the jockeys' championship was reduced to one when Steve Cauthen produced Gold Prospect with a well-timed run to beat Mashbub by two lengths in the Fordham Handicap. Ladbrokes quote Eddery at 6-4 on with Cauthen 11-10.

Reprimand stands out in depleted Dewhurst

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

With Warning missing the race, no runners from France, and only a pacemaker from Ireland, today's Three Chimneys Dewhurst Stakes is sadly not the fascinating race it once looked like being.

I would still have gone for Reprimand (nap) even if Warning had stood his ground.

The latter's Champagne Stakes form was slightly devalued when Always Fair failed to finish in the first four in the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot. In addition, I have heard nothing but glowing reports of Reprimand ever since I arrived in Newmarket on Tuesday afternoon.

The very fact that Henry Cecil asked Sheikh Mohammed to produce a pacemaker (the $875,000 Nureyev colt Savoureux) was a sure sign that he means business.

Cecil would undoubtedly have preferred better ground for such a glorious mover as Reprimand. However, he can console himself with the knowledge that the going is never as soft at Newmarket as it can get at Ascot and York. Yet Reprimand has won on both those courses when the conditions underfoot have been testing in the extreme.

George Robinson, our Newmarket correspondent, was captivated with the way that Reprimand went in a gallop parallel to the course nine days ago and I know that Steve Cauthen was also purring with delight after he had dismounted from him that morning.

Winning the Gimcrack Stakes remains Reprimand's only solid performance on the track. But even that form has taken a turn for the better with the runner-up Intimidate acquitting himself so well in the Mill Reef Stakes.

On paper, Western Gun should be Reprimand's main danger yet even he was beaten three lengths by Sanquirico in the July Stakes and, by all accounts, Reprimand has always shown the greater speed when he and Sanquirico have worked together on the Heath.



Ray Cochrane: double prospects with Media Starguest (2.35) and New Trends (3.40)

Charmer is a recent winner of a maiden over today's course and distance while Young Hal has won a maiden on the July course and a maiden at closing at Ayr, each time by six lengths. But they have yet to encounter an opponent of the calibre of Reprimand, or for that matter, Western Gun.

The Dewhurst apart, it could easily pay to follow Ray Cochrane and Luca Cumani whose in-form local stable fields three fancied runners: Media Starguest (2.35), New Trends (3.40) and Island Set (4.45)

New Trends, my selection for the Bottisham Heath Stud Rockfel Stakes, could hardly have made a better impression than she did on her debut at Ascot last month when she made light work of beating Dabaweyaa.

Since then New Trends has pleased in her work at home and looks destined to take high rank.

That same afternoon at Ascot, Media Starguest made a particularly brave attempt to win the Tote Festival Handicap carrying 9st 12lb.

While conceding that today's Baring International Darley Stakes represents a considerable drop in distance from 12 to nine furlongs, I still reckon that this talented son of Be My Guest will be hard to beat with only 8st 8lb.

Island Set, who was beaten only a short head by Four Star Thrust a fortnight ago when he was having his first race for three months, would have been fancied more strongly to win the Fakenham Handicap over the same course and distance if only the ground had been faster.

As it is, Pipsted, Aim To Please and Tancred Sand will all be in their element, with Aim To Please just getting the vote on the strength of her last performance on soft going.

Blinkered first time

CATTERICK: 2.45 Wheatley Star, Attila The Honey, Lady Jasper. 3.20 Mom Arthur. 4.25 Ne Touche Pas.

NEWMARKET

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 Al Muhalhal.	2.00 General Silky.
2.35 Media Starguest.	2.35 MEDIA STARGUEST (nap).
3.10 REPRIMAND (nap).	3.10 Reprimand.
3.40 New Trends.	3.40 New Trends.
4.10 Ghaaer.	4.10 Ghaaer.
4.45 Aim To Please.	4.45 Island Set.
5.10 Babil.	5.10 Timounan.

By Michael Seely

3.10 REPRIMAND (nap). 4.10 Ghaeer. 4.45 Island Set.

Going: soft **Draw: no advantage**

2.0 SNAILWELL MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,442: 6f) (26 runners)

101	(12)		AL MUHALHAL (Hamdan Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0	R Hills		—
102	(5)	0	CHASE THE DOOR 24 (C Dodson) J Sutcliffe 9-0	S Dawson		—
104	(19)	34	DWOWNEDD 22 (P Niarchos) J Tree 9-0	S Raymont		95
106	(18)		FAIRWAY ROYALE (Mrs P Makin) P Makin 9-0	J Reid		—
107	(1)	24	GENERAL SILKY 28 (E Moller) G Wragg 9-0	S Cauthen		91
108	(22)		HIGHLY DECORATED (J Rowles) W Jarvis 9-0	R Guest		—
110	(17)		KRYPTON KNIGHT (T Cheah) R Hutchinson 9-0	R McGhin		—
111	(11)		MAJORITY HOLDING (T Ramsden) A Bailey 9-0	P Bloomfield		—
115	(7)	0	NABEEL DANCER 18 (BF) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) O Douieb 9-0	Pat Eddery	●	98
116	(3)		PRIME GOLD (Mrs P Yong) W O'Gorman 9-0	T Ives		—
118	(25)		SANDHURST PARK (T Holdcroft) M Jarvis 9-0			—
119	(23)	00	SOVEREIGN SWALLOW 16 (Mrs M Rimell) E Eldin 9-0	R Curant		—
120	(26)		STONE FOREST (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0	M Hills		—
121	(20)	24	TIMOTHY'S TOY 23 (W Gredley) C Brittain 9-0			92
122	(2)	0	TOT OF RYE 24 (Lady Nelson of Stafford) M Tompkins 9-0	M Wigham		—
123	(13)		USURPER (C Watt) John FitzGerald 9-0	G Baxter		—
127	(8)		BRENIG (J Lloyd) J Winter 8-9	T Williams		—
129	(16)	0	DABBLE 15 (Mrs C Miller) M Tompkins 8-9	G Carter		—
130	(24)	0	FIRST FASTNET 15 (Mrs F Durr) F Durr 8-9	G Starkey		90
132	(15)		GYRATING (C Campbell Golding) J Winter 8-9	B Rouse		—
133	(10)		HEDDA GARBLER (S Wingfield Digby) John FitzGerald 8-9	W Ryan		—
138	(9)		OCULI (Princess Oettingen) B Hanbury 8-9	M Rimmer		—
142	(21)	0	SHERTANGO 28 (W Pallister) N Vigors 8-9	P Cook		92
144	(4)		STRAW CASTLE (Mrs M Sullivan) W Hagas 8-9	M Roberts		—
145	(5)	0	THULIUM 29 (T Warner) M Jarvis 8-9	B Raymond		—
148	(14)		ZAHRANA (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 8-9	W R Swinburn		—

BETTING: 9-4 Al Muhalhal, 7-2 Dwowndd, 6-1 Nabeel Dancer, 7-1 Zahrana, 8-1 Timothy's Toy, 10-1 General Silky, 12-1 Stone Forest, 14-1 Shertango, 16-1 others.

1986: AGLASINI 8-11 Pat Eddery (11-2) F Durr 24 ran

FORM DWOWNEDD (9-0) was not disgraced when 3l 4th to Harp Islet (9-0) — winner again since — at Ascot (6f, £7178, good, Sept 24, 6 ran).

GENERAL SILKY must improve on a 9¼l 4th to Young Hal (9-4) at Ayr (5f, £2875, good to soft, Sept 18, 9 ran).

NABEEL DANCER (8-11) beaten 4l into 5th when favourite for Nottingham maiden won by Realism (8-11) (6f, £1532, good to firm, Sept 28, 19 ran).

FIRST FASTNET (8-11) was never in a challenging position when 11th of 27 to Frozen Flower (8-11) here (6f, £5332, good to firm, Oct 1). DABBLE (8-11) was behind.

ZAHRANA (foaled Apr 28) is half sister to a 7f scorer, out of a daughter of Petite Etoile.

Selection: DWOWNEDD

2.35 BARING INTERNATIONAL DARLEY STAKES (£7,544: 1m 1f) (7 runners) C 4

202	(5)	34-3214	HOMO SAPIEN 20 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs M Niarchos) H Cecil 5-9-4	S Cauthen		97
203	(2)	040020	PATRIACH 13 (F,G) (P Winfield) J Dunlop 5-9-0	W Carson		83
206	(7)	201101	DEBACH DELIGHT 33 (G,S) (J Miller) M Tompkins 3-8-12	G Carter		74
207	(4)	132121	STREET LINE 17 (G,S) (Lord Harrington) M Jarvis 3-8-12	B Raymond		86
208	(1)	23-241	BALAKIREV 125 (S) (Sheikh Mohammed) I Balding 3-8-8	T Ives		86
211	(3)	140124	MEDIA STARGUEST 20 (F,G) (A Clore) L Cumani 3-8-8	R Cochrane	●	99
212	(6)	301000	GLINT OF VICTORY 23 (F) (K Al-Said) J Hindley 3-8-5	M Hills		78

BETTING: 9-4 Media Starguest, 5-2 Homo Sapien, 11-4 Street Line, 6-1 Balakirev, 12-1 Patriach, 25-1 Debach Delight, 33-1 Glint Of Victory.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM HOMO SAPIEN, was out of his depth in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes last time. Previously (9-10) beat Lusaka (8-9) 3l at Goodwood (1m, £7778, good, 11 Sept, 7 ran).

PATRIACH, ran near to form over this course and distance in the Cambridgeshire, but at best on penultimate start (7-10) running 1¾l 2nd to Single (8-10) at Ascot (1m, H'cap: £8051, good, Sept 24, 9 ran).

STREET LINE, on the upgrade, looked to have a knife in hand at Goodwood (1m 2f, £7440, good, 23 Sept, 5 ran) when (8-9) beating Amerigo Vespucci (9-3) 2l.

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308	(3)	11	YOUNG HAL 28 (G,S) (Mrs R Waters) P Walwyn 9-0	N Howe		87

BETTING: 4-7 Reprimand, 4-1 Charmer, 5-1 Young Hal, 7-1 Western Gun, 25-1 Savoureux.

1988: AJDAL 9-0 W R Swinburn (4-9 fav) M Stoute 5 ran

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YOUNG HAL a 33-1 winner of a race here in August, maintained progress with (9-4) a 6l Ayr win last time over Diva Girl (8-6) (5f, £2275, good to soft, Sept 18, 9 ran).

Selection: REPRIMAND

3.40 BOTTISHAM HEATH STUD ROCKFEL STAKES (Group III: 2-Y-O fillies: £13,720: 7f) (9 runners) C 4

401	(9)	01021	AHONITA 16 (F) (Mrs A Upsdell) R Sheather 8-8	J Reid		83
402	(6)	240130	ANGELINA BALLERINA 13 (G) (M Ryan) M Stoute 8-8	W R Swinburn		98
403	(7)	2	BARFORD LADY 29 (Mrs C Handscombe) G Hutter 8-8	NON—RUNNER		96
404	(5)	02221	BAY SHADE 21 (D,G) (Oceanic Ltd) H Cecil 8-8	S Cauthen		90
405	(6)	1	FROZEN FLOWER 15 (C,F) (J Philpott jnr) B Hanbury 8-8	B Raymond		93
406	(4)	1	NEW TRENDS 20 (G) (J Mabee) L Cumani 8-8	R Cochrane	●	99
407	(3)	041	PRINCESS GENISTA 25 (G) (I Stewart-Brown) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-8	W Ryan		78
409	(2)	1	SPARROW'S AIR 25 (G) (R Sangster) B Hills 8-8	M Hills		88
410	(1)		STOP DAY (Mrs V Gaucci dal Bogo) J Dunlop 8-8	W Carson		—

BETTING: 7-4 New Trends, 7-2 Sparrow's Air, 7-1 Frozen Flower, 8-1 Angelina Ballerina, Bay Shade, 10-1 Ahonita, 16-1 Stop Day, Princess Genista.

1986: AT RISK 8-9 S Cauthen (4-1) H Cecil 13 ran

FORM AHONITA (8-9) an odds on 4l winner of 4f at Brighton on firm ground (5f, £2138, Sep 30, 8 ran) from Very Adjacent (8-11).

ANGELINA BALLERINA, looked below form on heavy ground in Ireland last time. Is best judged (8-8) on ½l Newbury win (6f, Listed, £7960, good, July 18, 5 ran) from Practice (8-8).

BAY SHADE (8-8) showed improvement when beating Sudden Love (8-8) ½l at Ascot (7f, £7234, good, Sep 25, 8 ran).

FROZEN FLOWER (8-11) ran on well to beat Buzugh (8-11) 2l on debut here (6f, Mdn, £5332, good to firm, Oct 1, 27 ran).

NEW TRENDS (8-8) made an impressive debut at Ascot (6f, £15295, good, Sep 26, 7 ran) when 2½l winner from the well regarded Dabaweyaa (8-8).

SPARROW'S AIR (8-11) was well backed when winning a fast run Leicester maiden (1m, £1269, good, Sep 21, 14 ran) by 2l from Upper Strata (8-11).

Selection: NEW TRENDS

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507	(12)	2122	DRAGONS WRATH 18 (BF,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-6	S Cauthen		84
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514	(7)	41	MILITARY BLUE 17 (F) (Mrs D Skinner) B Hanbury 9-2	R Cochrane		88
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604	(13)	001200	WISHLON 20 (D,F,G,S) (K Abdulla) R Smyth 4-8-6	Pat Eddery		97
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KING TERROS steps up in class after 2½l Haydock victory (8-9) over One To Note (8-0) (1m 4f, £5431, good to soft, Oct 2, 12 ran).

Selection: ISLAND SET

5.10 NEWMARKET CHALLENGE CUP (2-Y-O: 7f: No prize money) (4 runners)

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2	(1)	000	IMPUNITY 28 (C Jardein) C Brittain 9-0	S Cauthen		—
5	(3)		TIMOUNAIN (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn		—
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BETTING: 11-8 Babil, 7-4 Timounan, 9-2 Impunity, 8-1 Presente.

1986: NESHAD 9-0 W R Swinburn (7-2) M Stoute 6 ran

FORM BABIL (9-0) should improvement

Shrewd money against India

From Alan Lee, Madras

Rupees are changing hands at a bewildering rate in the shady streets of Calcutta, venue for the final next month. The Eden Gardens ground holds 125,000 but is still plainly inadequate. Stand tickets are already fetching 15,000 rupees (about £750) on the black market and the asking price will know no bounds if India should get through.

The clever money, however, says they will fail. There is an area of the swarming city called Sutapatti, notorious for illegal betting. Here, huge sums are being wagered on Pakistan, rated the new 3-1 favourites by the rogue bookies.

Talking of clever money, the textile company Reliance are starting to feel smug over their ambitious investment of £1.3 million to sponsor the cup. Enterprisingly, they bought the ground advertising rights with their package and the word is that they are already assured of a profit.

Indians adopt a new hero

Much to his own embarrassment, the modest Harare salesman, David Houghton, has been granted celebrity status by the Indian crowds after his wonderful century against New Zealand. The chanting, cheering ovation which accompanied him to the wicket at Madras on Tuesday was enough to make Kapil Dev jealous.

At 30, however, the soft-spoken Houghton accepts that the fame is purely transitory. He played one season in England, with the Worcester City club, some years ago and admits: "I would have loved to play county cricket. I would still jump at the chance, but I know my first-class record is not good enough to command a contract. If only Zimbabwe could be given a few test tours, on a probationary basis, we would have the chance to progress."

Curran under a handicap

David Graveney, Gloucestershire's amiable captain, was driven close to despair last summer by Kevin Curran's reluctance to bowl. He might appreciate this.

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Crowe oddly out of sorts

Martin Crowe seems strangely at odds with this world cup. He upset the New Zealand cricket manager, Glenn Turner, by alleged indifference at practice. He upset an Indian journalist by asking for money for an interview.

Now he cannot bowl due to a back complaint, the last thing the hard-pressed Kiwis needed. If he is feeling a little grumpy, however, his batting is sure to make someone suffer for it before long.

A rough ride into custody

Covering cricket in India has moments of alarming eccentricity. My 4 a.m. taxi ride to Madras airport the other day came to a juddering halt as a front tyre on the ancient vehicle disintegrated. Utterly unperturbed, the resourceful cabbie ripped off the trailing edges of the tyre and on we went, metal rolling on tarmac, at a good lick.

My relief was short-lived as I found myself detained by the police on suspicion of carrying bomb-making equipment (it was actually a packet of typewriter batteries). I later discovered the reason for their jumpiness — the Tamil Tigers had just telephoned a threat to blow up the airport. Another quiet day at the office.

CRICKET

England must emulate the Speaker and restore order

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Peshawar

World Cup fever has begun to affect the business of Pakistan's National Assembly. On Wednesday of this week the Speaker was obliged to consider a motion regarding the absence from the House of certain ministers who were known to have visited Hyderabad to watch Pakistan's opening match against Sri Lanka.

Those who sought to move the motion were of the view that ministers were "required to be present in the House all the time, to take part in the business of the House under the constitution and in accordance with the oath of their office." It was claimed that by being seen in Hyderabad (the Prime Minister was among those present) the ministers concerned had "caused a breach of the privilege of the House and lowered the image and prestige of Parliament in the eyes of the people."

Said a member to the Speaker, on a point of order: "Since you, too, watched the cricket match in Rawalpindi yesterday, your ruling on the issue may be prejudiced. It is better that you allow some chairman from the House Panel to decide on demotion. Otherwise your ruling will be subjected to criticism." Speaker Chatta dismissed this particular bouncer as tersely as Miandad at his best. "Firstly it is no point of order. I watched the match after three o'clock when the House was not in session. Let the people criticize my ruling. Please take your seat."

So it was that the motion was disallowed, the Speaker ruling that there was nothing to compel a minister to be present in the House all the time. After Pakistan's "miraculous" escape against England on Tuesday, the House is unlikely to be too well attended today either. At nine o'clock this morning Pakistan meet West Indies in Lahore. Imran is fit again and local hopes run high.

England, meanwhile, have travelled to Peshawar. Those who had not practised on Wednesday morning did so yesterday, before leaving Rawalpindi. We are now on the North-West Frontier, a good deal nearer Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan, than Gujranwala, where we played the first match a week ago. This time next week we shall be in India, preparing to meet West Indies in Jaipur.

Tomorrow, England play Sri Lanka at a smart new stadium with an old-fashioned pitch. The days are gone, rather sadly, when we played at the Peshawar Club, so redolent of the Raj. Tomorrow we shall be in just another modern concrete bowl, splendidly appointed, an achievement of which the authorities are justly proud and more to the players' liking; but bare and stony.

The pitch is like a pavement, except not as hard. They all used to be like that not many years ago, not only on the sub-Continent. In Durban and Jamaica you could see your reflection before it became fashionable to leave the grass on, in deference to the faster bowlers. No one is going to move the ball much off the seam here. It could be a difficult match for the bowlers, and there is no doubt at all that Sri Lanka have the batting to win it.

WORLD CUP CRICKET

I like to think that Hemmings will come in for Pringle and Athey for Robinson. Pringle's batting is hardly a factor at the moment, and the Sri Lankans might find Hemmings's bowling harder to get away. It was to bowl right on just such a pitch that Hemmings was included in the party. Had the match been played yesterday, Foster might have missed it, the knee which he jarred at Rawalpindi on Tuesday being sore. If it is no better tomorrow, Jarvis, too, might get a game.

England know well enough not to take Sri Lanka lightly. They will recall how Gower's side was treated by them in a Test match at Lord's in 1984, and how Willis's let them make 286 at Taunton in the World Cup of 1983. Great things are now spoken of Mahanama, who goes in first, and Anurasiris's return of one for 39 in 10 overs of orthodox left-arm spin, when West Indies were making a record 360 for four Karachi earlier this week, was perhaps the most remarkable of the tournament so far. It should be interesting tomorrow, the more so for seeing some new faces.

Passive role for Gower

Christopher Cowdrey will lead an "England XI" on a two-week tour of Barbados next month, as part of the island's celebrations of the 21st anniversary of independence (Ivo Tennant writes).

David Gower will also be going but not, he stresses, as a player. His role will be part selector, part administrator and mostly holidaymaker.

The tour marks the beginning of Gower's sabbatical, which will include a further trip to the West Indies, the Cresta Run, Australia, the Winter Olympics and game parks in Africa. "I do not intend sitting around," he said yesterday.

ENGLAND PARTY: C S Cowdrey (Kent, captain), M J C Nicholas (Hampshire), D L Bairstow (Yorkshire), P M Such (Leicestershire), K E Cooper (Nottinghamshire), N G Cowans (Middlesex), S A Marsh (Kent), A A Metcalfe (Yorkshire), A C S Pigott (Sussex), D M Smith (Surrey), P Willey (Leicestershire), J J Whitaker (Leicestershire).

An evocative and memorable record to grace the Football League centenary

Rolling back the years of an imperial game



The Lion in miner's clothing: Lofthouse happy in his work

COMMENTARY

David Miller

Chief Sports Correspondent

The Football League pioneered organized weekly competition, which does not sound as innovative today as it was in 1888, when crowds frequently arrived for scheduled friendly matches only to discover them inexplicably cancelled. The centenary year was worthy of something more enduringly memorable than that scruffy exhibition match at Wembley, and it has arrived with Bryon Butler's official illustrated history*.

This is a record in words and pictures which has been fascinatingly researched, and provides a condensed view of the passage of time, of fluctuating trends and fortunes among historic clubs, among the players, managers and chairmen who made them.

Butler has restrained his editorial comment to brief, succinct summaries of periods of five to 10 years, and the impact lies more in the nostalgic pictures with their extended captions.

I do not know of a more colourfully informative history of the game; and starting with Tom Finney's foreword, full of gratitude that he should have played the game professionally — never mind that the maximum wage was abolished the year he retired! — events are given a dignity which has been absent from some of the management committee's affairs during the past 30 years.

There is an evocative picture of Harry Lockett, the first secretary, seated in bowler hat in his Preston office with roll-top desk, moulded cast-iron Victorian fireplace, and flowers on the mantelpiece. His initial salary was a handsome 20 guineas per annum. For six old pence or half a shilling (2½p) you could stand on the terraces to watch Aston Villa do the double in '97. When the coachman driver of Newcastle's four-in-hand drove his team furiously over the Northumberland Hills in celebration, the magistrates severely fined him. Speeding footballers have often been news.

The rapid expansion of football internationally is directly attributable to the size and strength in the nineteenth century of the British Empire. It was an era which, it seemed, would never end and this is reflected in the strong, confident faces of the famous early teams, of Villa, Sunderland and, in the new century, Tottenham Hotspur.

It is a social as well as a sporting history. There is the menu card for a commemorative dinner in 1909 of 13 courses, which I doubt if Mr Forte would equal today for less than £100 a head.

Jack Howcroft, a celebrated disciplinarian referee, is seen in a 1920 cup match immaculate in bow tie. While the game provided fame for players and liberation for the masses, it also produced dependent industries: boot factories mushroomed, hand-crafted footballs generated workshops as busy as a post office.

It becomes apparent that, as is so often said, the game has not changed. Preston Invincibles, first of the great teams of the original 12 — from North and Midlands, no Southerners — were the first, under their manager William Sudell, some 80 years in advance of Rinus Michels, to play "total" football. All three of their half backs would attack, to produce a forward line of eight players.

Nor is it new for managers as well as players to better themselves. Tom Watson, having created Sunderland's team of all talents, smartly crossed the Pennines in '96 to double his salary with Liverpool at four guineas a week. And there have always been infuriatingly casual geniuses such as Bowles, Hudson and Marsh of our times. The pale-faced Steve Bloomer, who scored a phenomenal 353 goals in 598 matches for Derby County and Middlesbrough, would not deign to look at a pass to him which was inaccurate.

There were always dirty players; though Butler is shyly reluctant to name the villains of the modern era. Frank Barson, ruthless attacking centre half of Barnsley, Villa, Manchester United and others, made survivors of the first World War think the bombardment was not over, and was regularly taking, as they say, an early bath. I did not know, though perhaps I should have, that it was Charlie Buckam's suggestion which persuaded his legendary manager, Herbert Chapman, to introduce the stopper centre half at Arsenal in 1925 in answer to the change in the offside law.

Yet above all the interest is the pictures: Wilf Mannion with impoverished youngsters in Middlesbrough wearing their father's boots; jovial Nat Lofthouse, the Lion of Vienna, in his miner's kit; gentlemanly Ted Drake, quite clearly trying to get the "hand of God" to a ball before Chelsea's goalkeeper, Vic Woodley; Fatty Foulke, looking like Cyril Smith in shorts; Workington against Barrow and showing us they were not a musical joke but a serious slice of the last century. The game gained a reputation as such an alleged example of British character that one captain W P Nevill of the 8th East Surrey Regiment had his men booting footballs as they advanced towards slaughter on the Somme. Believing loyally in the youthful courage of his playing fields, Neville died on the German barbed wire.

**The Football League 1888-1988: the official illustrated history, by Bryon Butler, published yesterday by Queen Anne Press, £14.95.*

Centenary of an Invincible performance

Records are made to be broken. Yet there are some from football's earliest days which seem likely to stand the test of time forever. One such landmark, Preston North End's 26-0 trouncing of Hyde in an FA Cup first-round match, was exactly 100 years old yesterday. It remains both the biggest win and the highest aggregate score in the history of the English game at senior level.

The charm of the FA Cup has always been the pitting of aspiring Davids against Goliaths, but this was a mismatch of substantial proportions. Hyde had been in existence only two years and their experience had been largely limited to friendlies.

North End, in contrast, were acknowledged in the late 1880s and early 1890s as the best team in the world. In 1889 they were to win the first Football League championship and become the first club to win the League and Cup double. Their ratio of points won that season, 40 out of 44, has never been bettered, and they remain the only team to have won the League championship without losing a match. Small wonder they were nicknamed the Invincibles.

The man largely responsible was William Sudell, a member of the club committee who combined the roles of chairman, secretary and manager. North End had been essentially a cricket and rugby club until Sudell helped persuade the committee to switch to association football in the 1880-81 season. The key to their almost instant success was Sudell's signing of many of Scotland's best players. At their height, North End had as many as eight Scots in the side.

Edward Griffith, a Preston director and expert on the club's history, says: "Sudell built the best team in the world from scratch within just a few years. He also developed a new playing style, because until the Invincibles football was largely a dribbling game, based on individuals. Sudell developed football as a team game by changing the emphasis to passing. In my view only Herbert Chapman was a greater manager."

Hyde had invited mighty Bolton Wanderers to open their 1887-88 season. They lost 8-1, but the local press gave much praise to Bunyan, the Hyde goalkeeper. When Rover, the *North Cheshire Herald* correspondent, previewed the match against North End a few weeks later, he wrote: "I wish them (Hyde) every possible success and especially Bunyan, who in goal will I hope prove a clinking opponent of the North Enders."

North End had already arranged a match against West Bromwich Albion for Saturday October 15 and Hyde declined their request to play in midweek, when the home club would probably have fielded a weaker side. When the two teams took the field at 3.30 on a fine afternoon North End were, ominously, at full strength.

Scots enjoyed a field day

The Hyde goal was under siege from the start and Dewhurst headed North End into the lead within three minutes. Bunyan made several outstanding saves before Drummond scored the second after 12 minutes. Hyde lost Bowers, their centre-half, with an arm injury after the third goal, five minutes later. Seventy-eight years before the official introduction of substitutes, Hyde sent on a replacement at half-time. Preston, leading 12-0 at the time, were not inclined to complain.

"On crossing over," Rover reported, "the visiting left pair became dangerous, but lost their chance by dallying. The rush to the other end was not long . . ." By the end of the match Howarth, a full back, was the only North End outfield player not to have scored.

What was perhaps most remarkable was that Goodall, playing at half-back but later to become one of the most famous centre forwards in North End's history, scored only once, and even then was lucky to do so. His goal, the twenty-sixth, came in the closing minutes and it was generally agreed that in the confusion the referee, R G Barlow of Manchester, had let the game run over by five minutes.

Despite the score, Bunyan had indeed proved to be "a clinking opponent". The *Preston Guardian* reported: "Had he been a less able man there is no telling what the score would have been. Times innumerable he stopped shots which brought forth cries of 'through' and was repeatedly cheered right lustily." Years later, Bunyan tried his luck in Belgium, where he became national coach.

The result did not appear to do Hyde any lasting harm. The two teams met 15 months later in a match in aid of the Hyde Lane Colliery Explosion Relief Fund and Hyde lost only 2-1. North End won 5-2 when they met again in 1890, but Hyde finally earned revenge a year later with a 3-1 victory. The club eventually folded in 1917, their ranks severely depleted by conscription. However, Hyde United were formed two years later and the same club now play in the Northern Premier League. Ironically, both Hyde and Preston play today on plastic pitches.

After the 26-0 victory North End went on to the Cup final, in which they lost 2-1 to West Bromwich. The following season saw the first "double" and the championship was retained a year later. North End then finished runners-up three years in succession, but as the Invincibles team broke up, so the club went into comparative decline, before a revival in the 1930s.

Today, struggling in the lower reaches of the third division, Preston's great days are behind them. However, they treasure one tangible link with the Invincibles: Agnes, the 86-year-old daughter of Sudell's Scottish imports, still attends every home match.

Paul Newman

BASEBALL

Knives drawn early for World Series

Minneapolis (AP) — The war of words has already begun between this year's World Series participants, the Minnesota Twins and the St Louis Cardinals. Before St Louis had even completed their National League play-off series against the San Francisco Giants, Whitey Herzog, the manager of the Cardinals, said it was "a shame" that the Detroit Tigers won 98 games but lost to the Twins in the American League play-offs.

"It's a shame that one team wins 98 games and the other 85, and the one with 85 wins," Herzog said. His team went on to defeat the Giants 6-0 to secure the NL pennant.

When told on Wednesday afternoon about Herzog's comments, Kent Hrbek, Twins' first baseman, said: "It's a shame they can only score one run a ballgame, too. That's too bad." Hrbek was referring to the Cardinals' troubles in manufacturing runs when the injured Jack Clark is out of their line-up.

RUGBY UNION: INCLUSION OF AUSTRALIAN PLAYER MAY OPEN THE WAY FOR MORE OVERSEAS PARTICIPATION

New face for Blackheath

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent



Burke: could set a precedent

Brad Burke, the Randwick and New South Wales scrum half, will create a precedent if he turns out, as selected, for Blackheath against London Scottish tomorrow in the Courage Clubs Championship.

The regulations for the new competition suggest a three-month eligibility period for players not qualified to represent one of the four home unions. But Blackheath claim, and have had their claim upheld by Bill Bishop, the chairman of the Rugby Football Union competitions sub-committee, that Burke has not played for an overseas union and is therefore eligible for any higher level of representative rugby in this country.

In that case, he escapes the three-month clause and, also, the subsequent eligibility clause which prevents a player leaving one club for another during the same season appearing in the Courage championship until three league games have been played by his new club. Burke's season, in the southern hemisphere, has ended; he now enters a new one, in the north.

Burke played for Australian Schoolboys six years ago and appeared for Australia in the unofficial Sport Aid sevens in Cardiff last year. His state appearances have been limited by the presence of Nick-Farr Jones and the family name is better known because of the feats of his younger brother, Matt, the Australian centre or wing.

Ian Lewis, the Blackheath president, said yesterday: "I looked at the regulations and, if you have played for another country, you are caught by them. But if someone comes over and hasn't played for another country and offers themselves for selection at any level here, then they become eligible straight away."

Blackheath, acting through the Kent Rugby Union, have received confirmation of this from Bishop who adds, wryly: "'Qualified for selection' is a phrase difficult to define when applied to England." Burke played for Blackheath Seconds last week and his appearance tomorrow may open the way for many more overseas players to appear in the Courage championship: there are several London clubs who have New Zealanders and South Africans available to them — Blackheath themselves have recently been joined by Craig Simms, a lock from the New Zealand province, Wairarapa-Bush — but have thus far ignored them for selection in league games.

Hall Cross building on success

Schools rugby
by Michael Stevenson

M P Knight, formerly a player with Loughborough Colleges and Wakefield, is deeply concerned about the problems of running lively and successful rugby in state schools. He even reports that one P E specialist in South Yorkshire runs four teams on his own. Added to which, lack of available time during school hours means that a number of practices have to be held under club floodlights.

Mr Knight is the master in charge of rugby at **Hall Cross Comprehensive**, and their excellent results this season is even more pleasing in the context of current problems: they have beaten **Dinnington** CS (12-4), **Wells** CS (44-0), **Hipperholme** GS (18-0), **Crossley Heath** (18-0) and **Ermysted's** GS (22-0), to a sole defeat by **Silcoate's** (6-14).

Ian Parker, in charge at **Pontypool College**, is also feeling bullish. They started the season with a foundation of seven of last season's successful team, including Lee Rosser, who played for Wales in the 18 group, and John Lilly. Several valued recruits have joined the college, and a good season is anticipated as the early results confirm: wins against **Caerleon** (42-3), **Chepstow** (24-0) and **Nantygio** (13-3).

Now that **Ampleforth** have surmounted the considerable hurdle of their meeting with RGS **Newcastle**, which resulted in a 12-7 victory, one of the few schools with a realistic chance of toppling them is **Stonyhurst**, who, under the tutorage of Kim Norkett, their new coach, have started well, beating **Mount St Mary's** (26-0), thanks to a scintillating performance from their backs. **Hutton** GS (26-18) and **St Bede's** (9-6).

Year seen through the Gray smoke

From Gerald Davies, Bordeaux

"There's a sense of anti-climax after the World Cup," says Tony Gray, the coach to the Welsh team, "not so much because of something being over but rather because so many people are already talking about the next one, which is some four years ahead.

"This is sad to my way of thinking: we should not cast our eyes so far ahead that we overlook the importance of the European championships. That still holds a high place in world rugby."

So what had he learned from New Zealand, whose spectre, like it or not, will stretch over the coming seasons? In the pause that comes after his answer of "Nothing", you might be given time to assume an abject dismissiveness on his part, but give time for his cigarette smoke to clear and all hasty conclusions will disappear too.

"Nothing," he continues, "nothing that we haven't known about for the last 20 years or so. We know what their qualities are, we know their tactical approach to the game and we know, as we always have done, about their commitment, power and discipline. And in all that time, we haven't learned the lessons of rucking of which they are masters. We know all this. It is just we simply have not come to terms with them."

All this could be mistaken for a dispirited weariness of a kind that is almost *de riguer* for a national rugby coach. But the chuckle he gives now and again is in the end no more than a momentary exasperation. He enjoys his rugby and puts it in persective.

He reasons that the national team can only be a reflection of the strength, weaknesses and whatever obsessions there may be which characterise the Welsh club game. He knows full well he cannot in any sense take the full burden of responsibility for Welsh rugby.

There is not much he can do, seeing the players on rare occasions during the season, to change a player's habits overnight. And much of technique is habit. If Gray pinpoints the ruck as one of the aspects that could advance the game in Wales, there is not very much he can do if the principles of that fail or are not established and refined at club level.

For him and the Welsh selectors, of whom there is one change from last year — David Richards, the former Welsh centre three-quarter, has come in to replace Clive Rowlands — the sifting process begins once more tomorrow with the Wales B game against France B at Begles.

With the match against the American Eagles coming on its heels on November 7, and a Rest of Wales match against Cardiff having suddenly materialized, all this early season activity is not as obliging as it otherwise might be.

"It is, after all, a long season that stretches ahead of us," Gray points out.

"There are players who have already come up to me to say that they are already feeling the strain. Others who started playing once the season got under way after a short summer break returned only partially fit and are now on the injury list.

"I am not sure I understand the players' attitude. After the rigours of last season, followed by the World Cup, I would not have though it necessary to start again until November. All I can hope is that they will have a spring in their step in the New Year."

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BOXING: BOARDWALK TALK IS ALL ABOUT MIKE TYSON AS HE PREPARES TO DEFEND HIS TITLE

Biggs's pedigree lacks power

From Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent, Atlantic City

For the price of a couple of drinks in any bar off the boardwalk you can learn the secret of beating Mike Tyson. Everyone knows the lessons of past challenges: from Berbick, not to try to out-macho Tyson; from the Bonecrusher, the need to hold; from Pinklon Thomas, to keep the jab going; from Tony Tucker, to show him you are the boss quickly.

Solutions are as easy as a DIY kit except that, like building a garden shed, you must have a good pro for the job, in case of a gale. Depending on the shape and size of your fighter there is the Frazier model, the Larry Holmes one, the Foreman one, Louis and Ali and others.

Because of Tyson's lack of height you will find that he is a two-step fighter, which means that he needs to take two steps to launch an attack, which gives your boxer time to hit and clear off.

Lou Duva has a good boxer in Tyrell Biggs, who challenges Tyson at the Convention Centre here today. Biggs won the gold medal at the Los Angeles Olympics and has a professional record of 15 to0. He is 6ft 5ins and has big hands. Duva is going for the Cassius Clay "kit." He has been watching the Clay tapes and says: "Biggs will out jab him. We have a fight plan."

George Benton, Biggs' trainer, may be remembered as the man who gave Leon Spinks a fight plan that worked against Ali. Benton says: "Remember, Foreman, Liston and Frazier were all strong guys and they were all beaten by a fighter like Biggs."

Duva's strategy is to make Tyson think. "When he starts to think that's when he is in trouble. He can't adjust," Duva says.

"I don't buy that stuff about Tyson being a non-stop puncher. The stats show that he can't put two rounds together. His stamina is limited by the nature of his body," Duva said. Benton remained cautious. "The first two rounds will be the proving point of the fight," he said.

Who can argue with a man like Duva, especially when Angelo Dundee agrees with him? "If Biggs reverts to his amateur style you are going to have a 15-round fight and Tyson is going to be outpointed," Dundee says.

Before buying Duva's solution it may be best to remember that Biggs has had a drugs problem and suffered a crushing defeat as an amateur at the hands of Teofilo Stevenson, of Cuba. Duva's words may have been meant more for Biggs's ears rather than ours.

At the Trump Plaza, Tyson's camp are hoping that gibes about Biggs' courage will make the challenger stand and fight. But even if he does not they believe Biggs will fall inside five rounds.

Biggs does tend to hang out his chin when looking for openings. This could wipe out Tyson's two-step disadvantage and that could be where Tyson could collar him. If it goes the distance Biggs should win, though somehow I don't think he has either the power in his jabs or the stamina to keep Tyson out for 15 rounds.

● ATLANTIC CITY: Two of the three world bodies, the World Boxing Association and the World Boxing Council, have decided to put behind them 25 years of bitter rivalry and work together in the interest of boxing.

Jimmy Binns, the legal advisor of the WBA, said yesterday that the decision had been made at a special meeting between the WBA president, Gilberto Mendoza, of Panama, and the WBC president, Jose Suleman, of Mexico, in Las Vegas last year and will be formally announced at the WBC convention in London.

TALE OF THE TAPE

Tyson		Biggs
21	Age	28
15st 5lb	Weight	16st 2½lb
5ft 11½in	Height	6ft 5in
71in	Reach	80in
	Chest Normal	
43in	Expanded	40½in
45in	Biceps	42in
16in	Forearm	14in
14in	Wrist	12½in
34in	Thigh	38in
27in	Calf	21½in
18in	Neck	14½in
19¾in	Fist	17in
8in	Ankle	7¾in
13in	RECORDS	12¾in
11in		11in

Tyson: 31 wins, 0 defeats.
Biggs: 15 wins, 0 defeats.



Dress rehearsal: Joe Bugner models the bushman look with a be-suited Frank Bruno at White Hart Lane yesterday morning

Bugner meets the Bruno stare

By Andrew Longmore

No one can stare with as much expression as Frank Bruno. Joe Bugner found that out at White Hart Lane yesterday and it answered him a trifle. Bugner talked, Bruno stared, Bugner bluffed, Bruno stared, Bugner played with stuffed crocodiles, Bruno stared. It was the sort of reception bad comedians get on a wet Monday in Glasgow.

Big Joe is used to being booed, but not to being ignored and by the end of his first meeting with Frank Bruno to publicize the big fight on October 24, he was beginning to look a little flustered, getting visibly impatient as ITN News inexplicably found something more important to report and delayed a joint interview. Bruno, in contrast, stayed as cool as his checked suit, matched limited question with limited answer and made little attempt to rival Bugner's banter and even less to disguise the fact that he wished he was elsewhere.

His descriptions were a masterly display of brevity. On Bugner the man: "a bit iffy". On press conferences: "all part of the business". On Bugner the fighter: "a lot of respect". On a prediction for the fight: "I'm not Muhammed Ali". Every now and then he threw in a quiet aside. "I don't think Nike would allow that," he said when told that a fight had once taken place barefoot because of the wet conditions. That drew the biggest laugh of the morning.

Bugner was more expansive. Indeed such is his gift of the gab that one wonders whether deep within his Hungaro-Anglo-Australian 18-stone frame there is not a touch of Irish. He is a promoter's dream. "This is a very big fight, a clash of Titans and both of us have only one goal in the end — to knock hell out of Mike Tyson," he said. "I anticipate Frank being dangerous for three rounds. By eight rounds he'll be gone."

He was by turns insulting, condescending and charming, but there was only one hint of real nastiness when he suggested that Bruno had fabricated Bugner's criticism of his family. "For that he'll get a bashing," he announced in an accent which veers between Wodonga High School and Eton.

Bruno rejected the charge and the moment passed. To be honest, there was little need to wind the publicity machine too much and the fighters seemed to sense it. Three-quarters of the 40,000 tickets have already been sold. So there were no outrageous stunts, just a crass piece of sponsored posing when both boxers were asked to stand back to back with hand drills as guns. That was an unnecessary indignity for the two boxers quite apart from being thoroughly tasteless.

Otherwise, there was a brief tiff over who should occupy the blue corner on the big night — Lawless wants it because it's his lucky corner, Bugner because red will clash with his dressing-gown — and an even briefer handshake. The argument over the corner will be resolved — surprise, surprise — by tossing a coin at Tottenham's televised home match against Arsenal next Sunday.

The handshake prefaced the parting shots. "Bruno is a B grade fighter. I'm A plus. Tyson is A double plus," Bugner pronounced putting things into perspective. It was true. Bruno did look thoroughly non-plussed all morning.

FOOTBALL: VICTIMS OF LEAGUE DECISION EXPRESS ANGER

Houghton declines a pressing invitation

By Chris Moore

Brian Clough had harsh words for the Oxford United midfield player. Ray Houghton, last night after the Republic of Ireland international had refused even to discuss an £800,000 move to Nottingham Forest.

Clough's offer was accepted by Oxford's board of directors but he received a message from the Oxford manager, Maurice Evans, that Houghton was only interested in signing for Liverpool, Tottenham or Arsenal.

"Houghton will never know whether the grass is any greener at Nottingham Forest because he would not get off his backside to find out," Clough fumed.

"Not even the best players in the world, like Maradona, Rush and Platini, can afford not to at least talk about it when there is an offer on the table. For all he knows I might have been prepared to offer him our executive stand, £5,000 a week and a yacht in the Mediterranean.

"I'm not cribbing about what he did. My hackles are up about the way he did it. What happens if he doesn't like the curtains at Anfield, the dressing room carpet at Tottenham or the half-time tea at Arsenal? Let's face it, meeting me would have been an experience in itself!"

● Birmingham City have secured Peter Withe, the former Aston Villa and England forward, on a further month's loan from Sheffield United while the unsettled Birmingham goalkeeper, Roger Hansbury, has moved in the opposite direction for a month's loan at Bramall Lane.

George Graham, the Arsenal manager, yesterday ruled out a move for Niall Quinn, the Northern Ireland international forward.

Award scheme introduced by Barclays

Barclays Bank, the sponsors of the Football League, announced yesterday that two schemes have been set up to reward clubs that score goals and youngsters who show merit (Stuart Jones writes).

Each month a total of £6,000 will be awarded to the highest scorers in the League. The first division leaders will receive £3,000, the second £1,500 and the third and fourth £750 each. The prize for the biggest haul at the end of the season amounts overall to £12,000, to be similarly divided.

Financial incentives have also been offered to clubs (£650 for "the performance of the week") and to individuals (£250 for "the young player of the month"), although neither will benefit directly. The money will be donated to boys clubs and charities to be chosen by the winners. The schemes will be known collectively as the Eagles Awards.

Controversial goal is the very least of Welsh worries

By Clive White

Wales could be forgiven for thinking there is a conspiracy against them this week. Falling foul of a disputed goal and what they considered biased refereeing in their vital European Championship qualifying tie against Denmark in Copenhagen on Wednesday, they returned to Britain yesterday to find themselves the victims of a home country decision.

Their misery was completed by the announcement from Lytham St Annes that only matches affecting English players would be suspended on the weekend of November 8, prior to the final round of the championship. The Football Association of Wales had asked that games affecting only their players also be cancelled but the League said that their application was received too late from the point of view of the pools.

Alun Evans, the secretary of the Welsh association, would not comment until he had had time to analyze what affect the league's decision would have. In fact few players, probably only three, Jackett and Hodges, of Watford, and Slatter, of Oxford United, will have to run the risk of injury four days before the game against Czechoslovakia in Prague which now becomes the latest to be described as the most critical game in Wales's history.

It is not so much the inconvenience that the League's decision will cause (Wales have the opportunity of some early preparation for Prague) that has angered them, but the fact that they are still viewed as inconsequential cousins. Kevin Ratcliffe, the captain, one of those unaffected because it is the turn of his club, Everton, to have a free weekend, said: "It's a disgrace. The English, Scottish, Irish and Welsh should all be afforded the same opportunity."

It is believed that postponement of those games affecting just Welsh players could be achieved — at a price. According to some sources compensation could amount to as much as £10,000. The Welsh are in no position to pay that sort of money and were in the process of counting the cost should they again fail to qualify for a major championship when the League's decision was relayed to them.

The trip to Denmark cost them nearly £40,000, which is fairly typical these days for Wales. For a small nation their team is an expensive one to run, too big for its own boots, as it were. The reason is largely one of insurance. It costs £15,000 per match in cover for the players. Precious commodities like Rush and Hughes cost £11,000 alone.

The association is about to announce a deficit of £98,000 for the year — which has eaten away a third of the reserve fund. A place in the European finals would elevate their status and earn them greater rewards as a more attractive opposition for friendlies. A greater following, hopefully, at home would then ensue. The Danes are a perfect example of how success stimulates interest.

The ever-dependable Robbie James, suspended for the next tie, intends to set his fellow countrymen an example by flying at his own cost to Prague to cheer the team on to a victory that would save their lives in more ways than one.

Republic bank on Scots' assistance

By Ian Ross

Jack Charlton, the Republic of Ireland manager, was in philosophical mood yesterday as he reflected on his side's bittersweet European Championship win over Bulgaria.

Charlton remains acutely aware that his ambition of leading an adopted nation to next summer's finals in West Germany is still very much in the balance despite Wednesday's stirring 2-0 triumph in Dublin.

The Republic, having completed their programme, are top of group seven but their destiny is in the hands of Scotland. Although they have no chance of qualifying themselves despite defeating Belgium, the Scots could still push the Irish through by winning in Sofia on November 11. "Scotland are one of the most unpredictable sides in Europe, so who knows what might happen," Charlton said.

Bulgaria's formidable home record means that the Republic seem destined to pay a high price for their failure to defeat the group's makeweights, Luxembourg, by more than one goal last month. Had that victory been by four goals or more, the Republic would qualify even if Scotland drop a point in Sofia.

Mark Lawrenson, the Republic's veteran centre back, remarked: "It will be very difficult for Scotland over there because I have been to Sofia with both Liverpool and the Republic and had no joy at all."

Charlton is likely to make changes for the Republic's friendly match against Israel in Dublin on November 10. The Celtic full back, Chris Morris, could be drafted in as could the Portsmouth pair, Ian Baird and Mick Quinn.

GOLF

Teamwork gives Scots early lead

By John Hennessy

Scotland drew first blood in the Women's PGA world team challenge at Broome Park yesterday. With the three best scores out of five to count, they had a first round total of 220, one over par to lead England by three shots.

There are three more rounds to be played, when, again, the two highest scores of each teams will be discarded.

Laura Davies, the England captain, had the best individual round — a three-under-par 70 (the only score under par) — but she did not receive the same team support as her Scottish counterpart. Dale Reid's 73 was matched by Gillian Stewart, and Jane Connachan was only one stroke higher. England's other counting scores were 76, by Debbie Dowling, and 77, achieved by both Penny Grice-Whittaker and Kitrina Douglas.

Scotland are deserving leaders, since they suffered worse conditions than England as the rain intensified by the hour. As for Australia and Europe, bringing up the tale of the field, the course was as near as no matter unplayable. In the circumstances, Corinne Dibnah's 73, for Australia, and Marie-Laure Taya's 74, for Europe, were especially commendable.

Miss Davies made an unpromising start with a five at the first, where she missed the green with a nine-iron and had to chip from a gravelly lie. Thereafter, she did not put a foot wrong, though a ballooned tee shot at the 320-yard 15th threatened another unwelcome five. With 180 yards to go, however, a five-iron left her just short of the green, and a chip and putt did the rest.

Apart from hitting a variety of trees at the fifth, Miss Reid played splendidly until near the end, by which time an army of 24 squeegees were working overtime. Three putts on both the 15th and 18th were almost certainly attributable to the saturated conditions.

SCORES (best three to count): 220: Scotland (D Reid 73, G Stewart 73, J Connachan 74, M Thomson 78, C Panton 76). 223: England (L Davies 70, D Dowling 76, P Grice-Whittaker 76, K Douglas 77, A Nicholas 79). 226: Australia (C Dibnah 73, L Mutlard 76, A Jones 77, K Lunn 78, L Wilson 80). 227: United States (P Conley 74, R Comstock 75, S Moon 78, M Marshall 79, B Lunsford 79). 228: Europe (M-L Taya 74, K Espinasse 77, M Garner 77, F Dassu 80, B Helbig 81). 230: Rest of the World (T Fernando 75, A Sheard 78, S Van Wyk 79, R Hast 79, P Gonzalez 82).

● Barring a collapse of Tay Bridge proportions, Trish Johnson will be playing most of her golf in America next season. She was no fewer than five shots clear of all challengers after two rounds of the Ladies' PGA's final qualifying tournament at Sweetwater Country Club in Texas on Wednesday. A 71, one under par, gave her a total of 143, and with as many as 26 tour cards on offer, her American dream looks secure.

SQUASH RACKETS: PLAYER OVERLOOKED BY ENGLAND PROVES HIS POINT

Unforgiving Hickox trounces rival

By Colin McQuillan

Jamie Hickox, the Surrey player ignored by England's selectors when they nominated their squad for next week's ICI Perspex world team championships, was in unforgiving mood yesterday in Birmingham as he comprehensively dismissed Geoff Williams, one of the official national squad, from the world open individual event.

Hickox, 23, who gave up his dual selection option with Canada in order to play for England in the last world championships held in Cairo two years ago, trounced Williams 9-5, 9-2, 9-2, in 45 minutes to advance to the last 16, where he will play Stuart Davenport, of New Zealand, tomorrow.

"At the time the team was selected, it was probably the best line-up in the country," Hickox acknowledged. "But the decision was made very early. Form changes constantly and several unselected English players are coming good now, at the right time."

Certainly Williams, a former national champion, looked less-than-good against Hickox on the old centre court at Edgbaston Priory, which this week has been a graveyard for several fancied players. In the previous round, Bryan Beeson, the present national champion and also preselected for the English team, went out to Philip Whitlock of Devon in four games.

"Whitlock, Martin Bodimeade, Neil Harvey and myself can be seen to be hitting form here, and you have to question the recent performances of Philip Kenyon, Gawain Briars and Williams. Bryan was the obvious choice as fourth man two months back, but now?" Hickox said.

Harvey, who yesterday defeated Scotland's Mark Maclean 9-1, 5-9, 10-8, 9-0, to win a match against the defending champion, Ross Norman of New Zealand on Saturday, was in the Hickox corner yesterday.

The England team manager, Chris Stahl, was not. He admitted he was worried that Williams was unable to wrest the initiative from Hickox, whom he heads by only one place at No. 16 on the world list and two places at No. 3 in the English rankings.

"Beeson has been playing well and was starting a cold when he lost to Whitlock, but Jamie had a point to prove here and he proved it very well."

Team selection will not be officially closed until next Wednesday afternoon. "We cannot preclude changes if we feel they are necessary," Stahl said.

On reflection, the English Squash Rackets Association may also want to make some changes to their decision yesterday to ban Gamal Awad from their sanctioned events for only three months, as penalty for his attempted physical assault on a referee on Wednesday.

Shortly after the SRA tournament director, Andrew Shelley, announced the ban, together with a fine equalling Awad's £315 world open second round prize money, the board of the International Squash Players Association imposed the first maximum one-year ban from all ISPA events.

RESULTS: Second round (GB unless stated): S Davenport (NZ), bt R Graham, 9-3, 9-2, 9-4; B Martin (Aus), bt A Davies, 4-9, 9-1, 9-5, 9-0; M Bodimeade bt S Taylor, 5-9, 9-7, 9-4, 5-9, 9-7, G Briars bt N Stiles, 9-0, 9-0, 4-9, 9-7; C Dimmar (Aus), bt M Sasmela (Fin), 9-1, 9-1, 9-0; Jahangir Khan (Pak), bt C Walker, 9-3, 9-4, 9-2, P Whitlock bt B Beeson, 9-0, 9-7, 6-9, 9-4; Ahmed Tahir (Egypt), bt A Danzey, 10-8, 9-0, 9-5; A Wahlstedt (Swe), bt J Gornerup (Swe), 9-1, 9-6, 9-0; R Eyles (Aus) bt R Hill (Aus), 6-9, 9-5, 9-1, 9-1; A Wahlstedt (Swe), bt J Gornerup (Swe), 9-1, 9-6, 9-0; M Saad (Egypt), bt J Crombie (Can), 9-4, 9-1, 9-1; R Eyles (Aus), bt R Hill (Aus), 6-9, 9-5, 9-1, 9-1; C Robertson (Aus), bt P Millington, 9-5, 8-10, 7-9, 9-5, 9-2; Maqbi Saad (Egypt), bt J Crombie (Can), 9-4, 9-1, 9-1; R Thorne (Aus), bt C Wilstrop, 9-4, 9-5, 9-1; Zarak Khan (Pak), bt P Peltkanen (Fin), 9-1, 9-0, 9-0; Umar Hayat Khan (Pak), bt J Elstob (Fri), 9-5, 9-6, 9-2; Jansher Khan (Pak), bt S Cunningham (NZ), 9-3, 9-0, 9-2, P Carter bt J Soderberg (Swe), 9-5, 4-9, 4-9, 9-6, 9-4. Third round: R Martin (Aus), bt C Jones (Wal), 9-6, 9-2, 9-7; Maqsood Ahmed (Pak), bt M Robberts (Aus), 9-3, 7-9, 9-4, 9-2, R Norman (NZ), bt F Johnson (Swe), 9-1, 9-7, 9-5; N Harvey bt M MacLean 9-1, 5-9, 10-8, 9-0; S Davenport (NZ), bt D Medcenga 9-3, 9-3, 9-3; J Hickox bt G Williams 9-5, 9-2, 9-2; G Briars bt P Whitlock 9-3, 9-2, 9-0; C Dimmar (Aus), bt A Tahir (Egypt), 9-6, 9-2, 9-5.

BADMINTON

Butler pulls out with back trouble

Steve Butler's injury nightmare continued, but Helen Troke eased her way back with a win in the British Airways Masters tournament at Islington yesterday.

Butler, out for more than a year with an ankle injury, hurt his back warming up for a first round match against Morten Frost, the defending champion.

It got worse in the second set, and Butler, from Coventry, was forced to retire when trailing 4-15, 0-7. Butler, aged 24, who took Frost to three sets before losing the 1985 final, had physiotherapy immediately, and will receive more treatment today.

"When you are up against a player of Frost's quality, you have to be on top of your game; and I wasn't," he said. "I reached the stage where I couldn't smash or lunge, so there was no point in continuing. Now, I'll have to aim at doing well in next year's national championships and the grand prix circuit."

Troke, England's top woman player, who ruptured an Achilles tendon in January, suffered no reaction when beating Pernille Nedergaard, the Danish left-hander, 11-3, 6-1, 11-6 in her first round match.

Miss Troke, aged 22, from Southampton, said: "What I need now is to get my badminton brain working properly again."

In the men's competition, Prakash Padukone, of India, marked his return to the tournament after a three-year break by becoming the first player through to the quarter-finals, where he will probably face Eddy Kurniawan, of Indonesia. Padukone, the first winner of the tournament, in 1979, dropped just four points in routing Tony Gallagher, the Scottish qualifier, and then beat Matthew Smith, of England, 15-11, 17-16.

BOWLS

Welsh spring a surprise

The Welsh contingent at the £36,000 Liverpool Victoria Insurance Superbowl tournament in Manchester were celebrating a day of surprise successes yesterday.

John Price, the Port Talbot civil servant, and Neath housewife Julie Davies were given little chance of defeating world champion Tony Allcock and last year's runner-up Jim Baker respectively. But they proved everyone wrong as Price handed out a 7-1, 7-2, defeat to Allcock before becoming one of the spectators as Davies cruised through 7-4, 7-3 against Ulsterman Baker.

The other victor was David Bryant who calmly reached the last eight with a comfortable 7-1, 7-3 win over Alan McMullan.

RESULTS: J Price (Wales) bt T Allcock (Eng) 7 1, 7 2; J Davies (Wales) bt J Baker (N Ire) 7-3, 7-4; D Bryant (Eng) bt A McMullan (N Ire) 7 1, 7-3.

REAL TENNIS

New league is launched

A national league, designed to give leading players weekly competition in singles matches, will be launched tonight at the Royal County of Berkshire Club in Holyport, near Maidenhead (William Stephens writes).

Sponsored by Relcom Communications, the league competition will be played on Friday evenings, with team matches consisting of two rubbers — each the best of three six-game sets.

Leading players taking part are Chris Ronaldson, the former world champion, who teams with Jerome Fletcher of Hampton Court, Colin Lumley, the former Australian Open singles champion, with Matthew Hayward of Holyport, David Johnson and Neil Smith of Queen's Club, and Julian Snow, the amateur champion, with Mick Dean of the Tennis and Rackets Association.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

Barclays League

Second division

Oldham v C Palace .....

Third division

Southend v Rotherham (7.45) .....

Fourth division

Halifax v Stockport .....

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Norwich v Swindon.

RUGBY LEAGUE

UNDER-19 TEST MATCH: Great Britain v New Zealand (at Elland Road, Leeds).

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: British Airways masters (at Albert Hall).

BOWLS: Liverpool Victoria Insurance superbowl (at Granada television centre, Manchester). County match: Leicestershire v Norfolk (at Leicester).

GOLF: Suntory World matchplay championship (at Wentworth); WPGA World Cup (at Broome Park).

SPEEDWAY: FSO Four-team championship final (at Hackney, 8.0).

TABLE TENNIS: Top 12 tournament (at Famborough).

TENNIS: Royal Bank 14 and under indoor tournament (at Darlington).

SPORT ON TV

BASEBALL, 1987: NBC Major League: New York Yankees v California Angels. ITV: 4.55 a.m. (tomorrow).

BOWLS: Liverpool Victoria Insurance Superbowl: Quarter-final stage this afternoon; first Semi-final tonight from Manchester ITV: 1.0-3.0 and 11.35 p.m.

BOXING: Undisputed Heavyweight championship of the World: Mike Tyson (US, holder) v Tyrell Biggs (US) live from Atlantic City. ITV: 3.15 p.m. (tomorrow).

RACING: 2.35, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10 races from Newmarket. C4: 2.30 p.m.

SPORT ON FRIDAY: Golf: Suntory World matchplay championship from Wentworth. BBC2: 2.15-5.30 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL GOLF: Suntory World Match Play championship: Highlights from Wentworth. BBC2: 11.10 p.m. (see also Sport on Friday).

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

ISLINGTON: British Airways Masters championships: Men's singles: First round proper (British unless stated): G Milton w/o P G Johnsson (Swe), P-E Hoyer Larsen bt Chan Chi Choi (HK), 15-6, 15-11; K Macilhargey bt J Mailer 15-5, 15-3; J P Nemroff (Den) bt M Butler (Can), 15-4, 15-8; S Baddeley w/o J E Antonsson (Swe); M Smith w/o I Fraderiksen (Den); S Matsuura (Japan) w/o C Thomsen (Den); M Frost (Den) bt S Butler, 15-4, 7-0 ret; Sze Yu (Aus) bt T Carlsen (Den), 11-15, 17-16, 15-8, D Hall bt V Kumar (Indo), 15-10, 18-14, P Pazukone (Indo) bt A Gallagher, 15-2, 15-2; A Nielsen bt S Matsuno (Japan), 7-15, 17-15, 15-4, M Jonnson (Ingg) 14-18, 15-9, 15-10, J Suprianto (Indo) bt M Kjeldsen (Den), 13-18, 15-7, 15-4; N Skaby (Den) bt Foo Kok Keong (Mal), 17-14, 18-14, E Kurniawan (Indo) bt N Yates, 15-12, 5-15, 15-5. Second round: Sze Yu bt Milton, 15-4, 15-5; Hoyer Larsen bt Nielsen, 15-0, 7-15, 15-12; Nemroff bt Middlemiss, 15-4, 15-7; Padukone bt Smith, 15-11, 7-15.

Women's singles: Second qualifying round: A Fisher (Essex) bt D Budde (Mich), 11-0, 11-4, Martin bt L Maggelow (Aust), 11-2, 11-4, B Blair (Devon) bt T Groves (Sussex), 11-3, 11-8, C Palmer (Hants) bt S Wills (Oxon), 11-1, 11-0; S Louis (Devon) bt G Chiva (Yonex), 9-2, 8-4, S Hore (Hants) bt Muggeridge, 5-4, 11-5, 11-6, J Bradbury (Oxon) bt M De Boer (Neth), 11-8, 11-5, T Allwright (Essex) bt F Gallup (Surrey), 8-11, 11-9, 11-5. Hore bt Muggeridge, 5-11, 11-5, 11-6. Third qualifying round: Allwright bt Bradbury, 11-5, 11-9, Martin bt Fenner, 11-7, 7-11, 11-7, Palmer bt Blair, 11-8, 11-4, Hore bt Louis, 11-8, 3-11, 12-10. Fourth qualifying round: Palmer bt Martin, 11-5, 11-0; Hore bt Allwright, 11-7, 7-11, 11-1. First round proper: Y Tago (Japan) bt E Coane (Neth), 12-11, 11-5, Kho Mei Hwa (Indo) bt C Magnusson (Swe), 11-8, 12-11, S Khaze (Japan) bt A Chan (HK), 11-5, 11-4, Hassal bt P Kidel (Nem), 12-11, 7-11, 11-2, H Tham bt P Hoogsand (Dem), 11-3, 6-11, 11-6; S Haisall bt P Kidel (Nem), 12-11, 7-11, 11-2, L Sauer-Lauridsen (Den) bt F Elliot, 9-12, 11-4, 12-9; M Hoogsand (Nem) bt C Pearce, 11-7, 11-11, 11-7; G Bossorne (Den) bt A van der Knaap (Neth), 11-2, 11-0. Second round: G Gowers bt Kho Mei Hwa 12-11 11-8, Kraas bt Van Dyck, 11-4, 11-4, Hassal bt C Hemens (Den), 11-2, 10-12, 11-6, Stuer-Lauresen bt S Hore, 11-5 11-4.

BOXING

CAGLIARI, Sardinia: European bantamweight title (12 rounds): L Gomez (Fr, holder) bt M Lupino (It), pts.

ATLANTIC CITY: Heavyweight bout (10 rounds): Tim Witherspoon (US) bt Mike Williams (US), pts.

FOOTBALL

SANTIAGO, Chile: World Youth Cup: Group A: Yugoslavia 4, Australia 0. Group B: Italy 1, Brazil 0. Group C: E Germany 3, Colombia 1. Group D: United States 1, Saudi Arabia 0.

BASKETBALL

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ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): New Jersey Devils 3, Hartford Whalers 1, Minnesota North Stars 4, Toronto Maple Leafs 3; Chicago Black Hawks 5, St Louis Blues 3, Calgary Flames 5, Edmonton Oilers 4.

MODERN PENTATHLON

WEST BERLIN: European Championships: Riding: 1, D Krener (WG), K Berson (Switz) J Lawrence (GB) all 1,100 pts. 4, R Phelps (GB), 1,092. 5, G Brookhouse (GB), 1,050. Team: Britain, 3,242. Final positions: 1, J Demeter (Hun), 5,439. 2, M Marsonek (Cz), 5,396. 3, V Yagoprashnik (USSR), 5,392. 4, M Kadlec (Cz), 5,317. 5, Phelps 5,295; 6, M Marsonek (WG), 5,296. 7, J Martinek (Hun), 5,166. 8, Krener 5,194. 9, P Connors (It), 5,082. 10, Lawrence 5,037. Other Britain: 13, Brookhouse 5,015. Teams: 1, Soviet Union 15,696: 2, Hungary 15,586. 3, Britain 15,351. 4, West Germany 15,312. 5, Italy 15,095; 6, Czechoslovakia 15,078.

POWER BOATING

LAKE WINDERMERE: Record attempts week: RO 350cc class (1 lone: S Green (Beccles), 102.15 mph (British record). Yamaha 102 400cc class: P Noon (Sutton Coldfield), 84.49 mph (British record). 500cc class: M Rousse (Fr), 106.21mph (world record). OS Class III (6): N Hood (Southampton), 95.96mph (woman's record) Yamaha 80 (350cc class): K Cressman (Coventry), 89.35 (British record). OS 1st class: P Wilson (Guernsey), 59.70 mph (British record).

RUGBY LEAGUE

ST HELENS: Tour match: Lancashire 22, Papua New Guinea 22.

RUGBY UNION

TOSHIBA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Cheshire 19, Lancashire 25, Cumbria 20, Durham 8; Northumberland 12, Yorkshire 26.

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British invite applications for 1996 Olympic Games

By John Goodbody

The British Olympic Association (BOA) yesterday invited cities to host the 1996 Olympics, the centenary of the first modern Games in Athens. The Association is writing immediately to local authorities asking for official applications by the end of the year.

Prospective sites will be inspected early in 1988 and a vote on the British candidates will follow, probably in May. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) will make its decision in September, 1990. Athens and Toronto have already announced their intentions to host the event.

Birmingham, unsuccessful in its bid for the 1992 Games, which will be staged in Barcelona, is hoping to get the nomination again.

Dick Palmer, the General Secretary of the BOA, said after the annual general meeting at the Café Royal yesterday: "We have three choices: not to invite cities to apply; secondly to give Birmingham the automatic go-ahead and, finally, to allow other cities to seek the nomination. We chose the third option."

The representatives from Birmingham, led by Denis Howell, the former Minister for Sport, have already been interviewed by Association officials, who have also had informal indications that Manchester may again be interested.

Charles Palmer, the Association's chairman, said Birmingham thought it should be re-appointed, partly because it considers it has the best bid but also to capitalize on its investment.

Birmingham spent £2.3 million on publicizing its bid for 1992 but the city's advisors say it has already received £5 million worth of international publicity. Once again it will base its application, which only received eight votes in the second round of balloting for the 1992 Games, on the National Exhibition Centre, emphasizing the convenience of the athletes and ease of transport.

The BOA's interest in considering applications for the 1996 Games shows its determination to hold the event, which it last staged in 1948 in London.

After massive amounts of money spent by rival candidates on seeking nominations for the 1992 Games, the IOC is to restrict the lavish expenditure. Birmingham has already been awarded the 1991 IOC session but some see this as compensation for failing to get the nomination for 1992 rather than as a pointer for future approval to stage the Games.

The session, unfortunately, will also take place after the voting has been completed so not giving all the 89 IOC members the opportunity of seeing for themselves the splendid facilities which are already in place.

Athens is clear favourite for nostalgic reasons but Greece has not been the most politically stable country in the recent past and another right-wing coup similar to the late 1960's could scupper its chances.

Britain will also have the advantage of possessing in Dick Palmer, a man who has worked for the IOC solidarity programme. But yesterday he announced that he had decided to return full time with the BOA.

END COLUMN

Umpires err over screen test

By Simon Barnes

In most press boxes at major sporting events, there is a television. It can be pretty helpful to see the magic moments, the crucial decisions, three or four times over and slowed right down. There is no profit in writing: "The man looked run out to me from the top of the Warner Stand" when the slo-mo shows that the man was in and that Dickie Bird had made an inch-perfect decision.

So the reporter will check on the telly. There is no shame in this, no reduction of a cricket correspondent's authority. If something is helpful, you use it. That is only good sense.

When I do my expenses, I use a calculator. Real mathematicians use calculators without having their authority impugned. No-one finds it deeply shaming that a word processor can be rather helpful: I haven't noticed my professional stature being eroded since I started producing more accurately-typed copy.

The devil produces enough problems for us without any need to go looking for them: anyone who does not accept real help when it is offered is plain silly. Why, then, do cricket umpires have this neurosis about television?

When offered a portable television to help with the tricky decisions during the World Cup, Bird reacted as if he had been asked to spend a month in Sodom. Umpires make better decisions without television, he said; the television can be misleading, he said.

Well, let us take his word for it about lbw decisions, and accept that Richie Benaud's classic "that was priddy close" is as much as the replay can tell you. But that leaves a number of decisions where television can show when the umpire is utterly and unquestionably wrong.

Run outs are the obvious example. Television can show



Bird: rejecting help

you quite definitely whether the man was out or not. Correction. Television can show you quite definitely whether the umpire was right or not. It is awfully difficult for an umpire to keep stumps and crease in view simultaneously: it is rather impressive that the telly shows that umpires are right most of the time.

But sometimes it makes them look like idiots. And one-day cricket is always full of stolen runs and hair-breadth decisions. Money and careers depend on these decisions: if an umpire is 90 per cent accurate, television in these cases is virtually 100 per cent accurate.

There are other incidents that make umpires look fools. I don't suppose television would be much help with dodgy bat-pad decisions, but cricket is forever throwing up weird incidents — and, often enough, incidents that make umpires look silly.

Chris Broad was out last summer, caught behind when the ball hit a hand that, quite clearly, was nowhere near the ball. A few years ago there was a terrible row in Australia when Bob Taylor claimed a catch (in all sincerity, I am sure) and the man was out. The slo-mo showed a puff of dust in front of Taylor's gauntlet at the magic moment: clearly, he had scooped it up on the half-volley. Such errors are avoidable.

Umpires insist that television will detract from their authority: I fail to see how increasing your accuracy can possibly decrease anyone's authority. However, when an unjustly-dismissed batsman can see that his bat was grounded as the wicket was broken, and when 10 million watchers can see the same thing, it can only detract from the judge.

If 10 million people have the advantage of the slo-mo, why do the two people who really need it deny themselves? Why are they content to make errors which could be so easily avoided?

In the name of fair play and in the name of good sense, anyone who adjudicates sport at the highest level should take any genuine help that is offered. This cannot detract in any way from the judge: rather, it can only add to his authority.

Lyle in position for another of his great escapes

By Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent

Sandy Lyle will hope this morning to complete another great escape in the Suntory World Match Play Championship at Wentworth, where torrential rain forced play to be suspended yesterday.

Lyle had fought his way back on the West Course from four down at lunch to be all square against David Ishii before the heavens opened and the match was brought to a halt with six holes remaining.

Valiant but vain attempts were made to sweep the water off the greens, before the organizers eventually had no alternative other than to bring the players in. The first round will hopefully be concluded this morning, with the second round reduced to 27 holes to help bring the championship back on schedule. It is not entirely satisfactory but, in the circumstances, a firm decision had to be taken.

The spectators who braved the atrocious conditions witnessed a typical recovery from the phlegmatic Lyle as he twice pegged back his Hawaiian opponent. "At least I have made a game of it now," Lyle, three times a finalist, said.

All four of the first round matches were halted before they reached the 13th green which was completely flooded. Ian Woosnam, two down at one stage, then had a commanding four holes lead over the American, Sam Randolph, while Severanio Ballesteros and Mark McNulty were two up on Katsunari Takahashi, of Japan, and Howard Clark.

For Lyle it was nothing new to be pitched into a problematical situation. In 1982 he was six down with 17 holes to play against Nick Faldo but went on to win. This time it was a player who was, until two weeks ago, the leader in the Japanese Order of Merit, who put him on the rack. It was all square after the 10th, where Lyle holed from 10 feet for a two, but after that Ishii swooped ahead.

Even though it was then dry, with only a hint of a breeze, the course was still playing extremely long because of the recent wet weather. So Lyle was fully expected to have an advantage, because of his prodigious length off the tee, but Ishii won the 11th and 12th with birdies to go ahead.

Lyle hit a seven iron into a bunker to lose the 13th and was wide of the mark with his five iron tee-shot at the uphill 14th. So Ishii, remarkably, found himself four up and Lyle was far from amused. He launched his revival by winning three of the first four holes in the afternoon. Ishii, however, chipped in from 30 yards at the 23rd for a two and Lyle, once more under pressure, took three putts on the next green and so was three down again.

However, he holed from 15 feet for a birdie at the 25th and Ishii presented him with the next by missing the green with his approach. Then Lyle's eight iron to five feet provided him with another winning birdie at the 27th.

Woosnam too, initially, struggled against Randolph, being compelled to hole from 15 feet for a birdie at the 17th to reduce his deficit to one at lunch.

He was all square within 10 minutes of the restart when a five iron approach to the 19th bounced off an onlooker and the ball came to rest six feet from the hole.

Woosnam confidently holed out for a birdie and Randolph suddenly slipped behind as his opponent holed putts of 12 feet and six feet at the 23rd and 24th holes for birdies.

Clark twice moved three up on McNulty in the morning but he was pulled back to all square on each occasion. He had an unlikely win at the 18th, holing from 12 feet as his opponent took three putts from 17 feet.

Today's tee-off times

FIRST ROUND: (to be completed): 8am: M McNulty (SA) v H Clark (GB) — McNulty two up after 30 holes; A Lyle (GB) v D Ishii (US) — all square after 30 holes; S Ballesteros (Sp) v K Takahashi (Japan) — Ballesteros two up after 30 holes; I Woosnam (GB) v S Randolph (US) — Randolph four up after 30 holes.
SECOND ROUND (over 27 holes): 10.30: McNulty or Clark v G Norman (Aus); Lyle or Ishii v L Mize (US); Ballesteros or Takahashi v S Simpson (US), Woosnam or Randolph v N Faldo (GB).

TODAY ON TV

Sport on Friday: BBC2: 2.15-5.30 p.m. Highlights 11.10 p.m.



That old feeling: Sandy Lyle shows his disgust as another putt slips by at Wentworth (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Hole-by-hole guide to the World Match Play Championship first round

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Fixtures will be postponed to help England

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The Football League has cleared the way for England in Belgrade next month. The management committee has agreed to postpone all the relevant first division fixtures in the weekend programme before England's decisive European championship qualifying tie against Yugoslavia.

Bobby Robson, who predicted when the draw was made that the "crunch game" would be the sixth and last, immediately stressed to the League the importance of their cooperation. In February, a tacit agreement was reached and yesterday it was confirmed by Graham Kelly, the secretary.

Robson, rewarded for foresight not shared by other British managers, has in turn responded to the amicable arrangement. Although the pools companies have already withdrawn most of the first division matches from their coupons, he will announce his squad in 10 days time, a week earlier than usual.

The decision was crucial. He recalled that six years ago the same dispensation was offered to his predecessor, Ron Greenwood, before a similarly vital World Cup qualifying tie against Hungary. "I could see how sharp the players were and, after five minutes, I told Don Howe that we were going to walk it".

England won 3-0 and subsequently reached the finals in Spain. Robson intends to follow the same path. He plans to assemble the party on the Thursday and travel on the Sunday. "By the Tuesday, they will be fresh," he said. "By the Wednesday, they will be hungry".

They will need to be. Even though England require only a point to be certain of going through, they cannot succumb to the dangerous temptation of playing for a draw. Nor are they likely to. "We will not go there just to defend or just to attack. We have to do both," Robson stated.

As he pointed out, the experiences of Mexico will become as comforting as a warm blanket. "Not so long ago, we were living on a knife-edge. They weren't in the World Cup and it helps to have learned how to keep your nerve and not to panic. They will be more nervous than us.

"I didn't like their result against the Irish," he added, "but they will have hated ours." Robson, who urged his side during the interval to "go out and paste them," was excited by the displays of two individuals in particular in the second 8-0 humiliation of Turkey in three years.

He believes that England cannot do without his namesake. "Bryan was superb. There are not many like him in the world, let alone the country. Thousands of words have been written about him but he answered all of his critics with a performance that had everything."

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Lineker, the scorer of three goals, was the recipient of equally lavish praise. "He is so quick and so dangerous that he occupies two players. I always rated Greaves. He was a world-class finisher and now you have to put Gary in that bracket. All he needs is one touch."

Although Barnes, twice, Beardsley, Bryan Robson and Webb contributed to a spirit of cold ruthlessness, England's manager is unlikely to carry such an adventurous formation into the Belgrade furnace. He will spend the next week designing his tactics for the "cat and mouse game" that is to come.

Webb or Hoddle? Barnes or Waddle? Mabbutt or no Mabbutt? At least the fear of injury should be less of a factor as he considers his strongest cast.

Dependability is the requirement

From David Miller, Sarajevo

The collection of problems which confront Bobby Robson for next month's European Championship tie in Belgrade, following this week's results here and at Wembley, are no different from those previously expected, merely more accentuated. Does he use, untypically, a sweeper, does he leave out Barnes? In other words, does he defend or attack: play for a draw or go for victory?

Much will depend on Robson's reaction to the information from Mick Wadsworth, the FA's north west regional staff coach, who was here to assess the Yugoslavs, and returned home with the widespread opinion in Europe that they are among the most dangerous of teams. Wadsworth saw a side which attacked often at breathtaking speed, interchanging and passing with a rapidity which could turn even the best defenders — which England do not have.

Belgrade in November will attract managers and coaches from every corner for a match between teams of contrasting styles who, regularly over the years, have produced a fascinating contest when they meet: the more direct running of England against the inventive football of the Slavs.

Two outstanding midfield players whom Northern Ireland found difficult to contain, Mlinaric and Bazdarevic, are likely to be replaced by Stojkovic and Jankovic, both absent on Wednesday with injury. Elsner will return as sweeper in place of Hadzibegic, and defensive markers Zorn Vujovic and Radanovic may also be replaced. Though Ireland were never able to test the Yugoslav defence, it will be a more experienced rearguard which will face England.

Wadsworth will probably be advising Robson on two tactical aspects in particular. First, the most potent phase of Yugoslavia's inter-passing, using first time wall passes, is around the penalty area, at which stage the value of a sweeper is doubtful. The only possible sweeper would be Bryan Robson, as a safety factor defying the suspect central defenders: but that would be particularly negative thinking.

Second, the Yugoslav front three seldom dropped back to make contact with their defence. Therefore, if England's midfield can cut off supply, the danger of Zlatov Vujovic and Cvetkovic on the flanks and the explosive Vokri at centre-forward could be much reduced.

There was evidence on Wednesday that Yugoslavia's habitual weakness, frustration, could be exploited by an England team playing with disciplined, intelligent organization. What is equally certain is that Vokri, Stojkovic and Cvetkovic have the technique to embarrass England's suspect back four. It is not a match for hoping certain players may produce particular qualities, but for using those who are dependable.

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A fright for Ballesteros

By Mel Webb

Not a flicker of emotion crossed Katsunari Takahashi's face when he went three up after only eight holes against Severiano Ballesteros in their first round match at Wentworth yesterday. He was as inscrutable as all Japanese are meant to be. Came the afternoon, came the rain, he got wetter and wetter and, what is more, Ballesteros threatened to take control.

It was only then that Takahashi at last allowed himself the luxury of the occasional small smile, and before play was finally suspended, with Ballesteros two up as the pair stood on the 13th tee, the Japanese was ready to talk in his abbreviated English to anybody who wanted to pass the time of day.

Yes, he did like playing in England. Yes, he did like the reception that had been given him by the English crowd. And no, he didn't mind the weather at all.

A pencil-slim 37-year-old, Takahashi is an engaging character. Wearing trousers that look a size and a half too big for him, he presents a boyish aspect belied by the quality of his golf. With a game based on a willowy, loose-limbed swing, a fine touch round the greens and an obvious leaning towards percentage golf, he could not provide a greater contrast to his opponent, the great matador of world golf.

Which method will prevail is still not clear. But even if he finishes Takahashi off this morning, Ballesteros, the championship favourite, will know he has been in a match.

He was probably convinced of that from the first hole of the day, which he lost to Takahashi's par four. As they approached the turn Ballesteros was three down and up against it. He had had to produce seven birdies to put the match all-square after 14 holes and did not take the lead for the first time until he sank a 10-foot putt for a birdie four on the 17th. It was a lead he was never again to surrender as the monsoon struck after lunch.

He went two up with a birdie three on the first but despite going to the turn in 33, was cut back to one on the 10th, but immediately hit back with a winning four. Incidentally, Ballesteros's caddie this week is his elder brother Vicente, while Takahashi's younger brother, Seiji, is carrying his bag.

Douglas leads boycott of Top Twelve

Desmond Douglas says he will boycott the Leeds Stiga National Top Twelve table tennis tournament at Farnborough this weekend because 11-up scoring is being used instead of the conventional 21-up (Richard Eaton writes).

Last year, when the event used this experimental scoring system for the first time, Douglas, the European Top Twelve champion, was beaten by an Englishman for the first time in nearly a decade. His conqueror then, Alan Cooke, will be defending the title, but two other England internationals, Jimmy Stokes and John Souter, are also planning to boycott.

"I experimented once last year and lost and I am not prepared to do so again," Douglas said.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Strike off for some

New York (Reuter) — Over 100 National Football League (NFL) players abandoned picket lines and rejoined their clubs on Wednesday, a spokesman for the management council said. John Jones said 110 players returned to their teams before the deadline set by the owners and will be eligible to play on Sunday.

Neither the union nor the owners would comment on the state of negotiations, although Jones said that chief negotiators Jack Donlan for the management council and Gene Upshaw for the NFLPA had been in contact. "Jack and Gene talked twice today but there is no agreement on a back to work proposal," Jones said.



McKenzie: challenge ahead

Title challenge

Duke McKenzie, aged 24, the European flyweight champion, challenges the Thai, Sot Chitalada, for the World Boxing Council title at Wembley on November 17 (Jonathan Rendall writes). It will be Chitalada's second visit to this country having beaten Charlie Magri in four rounds at Alexandria Pavilion in 1985.

Berlin bronze

Near perfect show jumping by the British modern pentathlon team, Richard Phelps, Jason Lawrence and Graham Brookhouse, enabled them to snatch the bronze team medal yesterday when the first European championships concluded in West Berlin.

Bowing out

Paul Gallagher, appointed as secretary to the Scottish region of the Professional Golfers Association 12 months ago, has resigned in order to pursue other interests.

On the road

Wales will compete against England, Scotland and West Germany in a women's 10,000 metres road race to run in conjunction with the Welsh 10 kilometres road race at Cardiff on Sunday.